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Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Feb. 27 '49

Dear Sister Elizabeth:

I am sitting in my little room all alone, this bright lovely morning. The full orbed moon moving in solitude, accompanied by but one gentle star, is sending her pure beams through the window. The snow is almost entirely gone and nature seems to be stirring to put on her green robe once more. Our morning walks now are delightful, the cold storms have passed, and we no longer fear, if we slacken our pace a little, freezing shall be the penalty. I wish you could partake of these pleasures with me But, Oh! vain wish be silent. Last week two of my friends, that I have found since coming here, were visited by their sister. She is teaching in a young ladies seminary and came to pass her vacation with her sisters. They were indeed happy in her society from wednesday until monday morn, I tried not to envy them. I became a little acquainted with her, it was very pleasant to see some one once more from the busy world, and learn a little of the news of the day. I should love to have you come and see the school, it would be quite a curiosity to see how every thing is managed in this great family. There are quite a number sick now, one is considered quite dangerous, her mother came here night before last. Almost all of us are more or less troubled with colds. Harriet and Alice have both quite a hard cold, I am quite well except a little cold like the rest. I have had to leave this to go to breakfast and the room-work, extra-work, and domestic-work have so occupied my time that I have not touched this more until now (late in

the afternoon). I had a very pleasant ~~this~~ morning, I went alone, my roommates did not feel like going, I took father's and mother's and Eddy's likeness, (which I suppose you knew they sent me in a letter) for company it seemed almost as though they were with me. I walked in lots and through the grave yard. In my walk I came to a grove with sparkling rill passing through it, this was a lovely place, on each side were steep hills which concealed the village and busy world from view here I walked some time happy with the likeness, rill, and trees. Oh! I think sometimes how little did I know how to value my friends when I was with them. This world I find is peopled by a cold and I often think deceitful race, I must thank Harriet for all the pleasure I find in these parts, she is a dear good girl and knows how to be a sister to the lonely. You asked in your last whether is she is that sister who visited Niagra Falls with her brother George, she is not, that was Sophia, who is now dead. She attended school last year at Lansingburg, where that young lady went, who, you remember, came to Whitestown to school a year ago last fall, and left after being there only two days because she was so home sick.

I feel rather discouraged in regard to my progress, it seems as though I had learned very little since I came here, what a pleasure it would be could I only talk it all over with you, pen and ink I find is too formal for such things. I cannot find any fault with the school, but time is what is wanting. Miss Whitman is I think a person of a very strong mind, and I think the main support of this school. I love my new section teacher more and more every day. She is quite young I should judge, and very sweet in her appearance. She graduated here last year, and was regarded as a very good student. I think she knows more than Miss Yale, and I love them both very

much indeed. Miss Chapin (one of the teachers) who had gone home on account of her health, returned today after an absence of 15 weeks, I have not seen her to speak with her, she looks much better than before she left. Miss Mason, who was my section teacher when I first came here, has left for a few week to regain her health. The teacher's duties here seem to be very hard.

Oh, how I should love to call on you some day in my walks as I used to do at Whitestown. You can hardly know how much I want to see dear little John Henry, I very often think of him and kiss his pretty hair, I wonder whether I should know him from that if I were to see him in a stranger's arms. Many and many a sweet image have I formed of him in my mind which I have no doubt he resembles, give him a warm kiss for me, now dont forget. I am glad to hear he gives so little trouble, I think I have no great reason to fear you will spoil him by rocking. Give my best love to Mr. and Mrs. Butler and tell them I often wish myself in their quiet ketchen enjoying a pleasant chat with them. I have tried to obey Mrs. Butlers advice about being good, but I find it is not so easily done as I used to think for. How is Brother B's health now? does his school prosper? did the sickness there prove a serious injury to it? Who do they expect to get to assist him next year? Is your health pretty good? I must close now or I shall leave no room or time for Mary. I hope she does not think I have forgotten her part. Let me hear from you soon. It seems a long time since I had a letter. With much love to you and family I

remain your sister fond
Wrd. ever

Dear Mary.

I hope you do not feel slighted because your letter always gets crowded in a corner, next time I think I shall give you

the first place, which has always been Elizabeths by birth-
right you know. How do you enjoy yourself nowdays.
When have you seen Hatty Hull last? give my love to her.
Is Mr. Heffron's sister with him now? how is Mrs. Hs now?
When have you seen the Chaney girls? are they pretty much
recovered? Anne Gates and I wrote a letter to them last week.
Give my love to them, if you see them, and tell them we
think it is time for them to answer it, we dont like to
wait a great while for a letter any more than other people.
When have you heard from cousin Elizabeth? has she recovered?
I was very glad that you wrote in E. J. R's. letter. The news
was very unexpected indeed, it does not seem that I shall never
more see those friends. Did Mr. Moore have hopes of recovery
to the last, or did he think himself about to die? Where
is Mr Walton? you do not say a word about her, is she not at
school? how did she bear the stroke? I heard through Anne
Gates that the Stark family were all very sick, are any of
them considered dangerous? How is Hannah and L.? were there
any cases in the village? I have but a very few moments
to write I hope you will excuse impropriety. To morrow is fast
day for schools and Colleges and we shall have no school. The
teachers have many of them gone out to a party (as it is called)
this evening. It is a beautiful light evening but rather windy.
I received a letter from John last week with that likeness and
have not answered it yet, I fear he will think I was not very
thankful, but if he does he is much mistaken. I intend to write to him
Saturday. Oh, you dont know how happy it makes me to have father and
mother & Eddy so near. I wish you could be with me a few moments that
I might hear you speak just one word. We had very interesting experiments
last Saturday in Chemistry. Anne Gates sends her love to you and Elizabeth
she is enough acquainted with Brother B. to send her respects so here you
have it. Dont fail to write a long letter very soon. Love to Father Mary and love to you
from Jennie

Lizzie L. Butler

New Hampton

N. H. —

Grandma's parlor Tues. eve.

Good evening, little Lizzie, I have just come into the parlor from supper and am all alone, How I wish you could run in and jump on my lap and have a nice talk; but I guess you are most too far off for that, what do you think, Lizzie. Bobbie is almost as large as you were when you last visited grandpa Everett and he like to play with aunt Jennie, but he likes better to play on the melodeon. If we leave the parlor door open he is almost sure to find it out and come in. He will climb a chair and, pressing his little finger upon the keys, sing fa sol la till grandma or some one else hears him and then, poor fellow, his music is quite a different tune. He is generally a very good and I know would like to see and

play with his little cousin very much. She is quite a talker and can say all our names but she always says aunty Ann for Aunt Sarah. She has three little kittens, one all white, but I must tell you no more about him I hope your pa and ma will sometime bring you to see him and little Owen, who is only a baby now.

Last evening we all went into the garden to pick currants, Have you got some in your garden, and are your apples most ripe? Aunt Mary has been getting some flower seeds that you may have flowers in your garden like grandma's. Do you not love to see a pretty garden and to eat the nice apples and pears and peaches that grow there? I remember reading about such a garden, only larger and more beautiful than any I ever saw. There are a great many little children there, who are good and love God. Will Lizzie try to be good that she may go there? Now good night dont forget aunty

Uncle David's Home

Jefferson, June 28. 58.

Sister Anna:

Where are you, and what are you doing with yourself? It seems to be about time that you were here. Uncle's family have been quite anxious about you as you have not written. Three letters are here waiting your pleasure, if you are not ready to come, be so good as to direct where they shall be sent.

I left F. last Sat. morning and expected to meet Miss Sweetland at the depot. As she was not there. the youngest Mr. Temple, who came from C in the same car as myself, undertook to help me find her or Mr. Lane. After wandering for

a long time and meeting no success the heavens pitying us began to weep, but such sympathy did more injury than good. I began to cast about in my mind for some place of retreat. Mollie Harrison lived only about a mile from where I then was and it being so near we concluded to bend our weary steps thitherward. There I spent the Sabbath, and this morning I made another effort to find this Sweetland — left a letter in the office for Mr. Saint and went back to Mr. Harrison's just in time to go to the depot to take the cars for Jefferson. — More when I see you adieu, love and kisses to

Jennie.

N. U., Resp. Fem. Sem.
Gettysburg, June 11, 1858.

Anna darling:

Here you that blotted sheet, may it do you some good! I have just finished putting the room in order. Louisa came over and helped me and now it looks quite nicely, almost as well as you would have made it look. That we might not miss the melodeon, the dresser stands nearly opposite the closet door and the table occupies the place where the dresser was. The rocking chair is by the west windows, near the book stand. I sit by the table just now trying to make this seem like talking but it will not do. I miss you much, my Anna but I will try not

to be unhappy. [illegible] shall be mine
& my thoughts will accompany you, and there
[illegible] be [illegible] left me not to be
lonely.

It is now 5 ½. I [illegible] you are already with
father and the other kind friends. All
remain as they [illegible] that I would have written
to her about your going as [illegible] I foresee
something might occur to prevent me
& be [illegible] a [illegible] letter.

Miss Hunt received a letter from home
today and she will have just as much
as she can get ready, I fully [illegible] day.

Miss Sara interrupted me. A stranger
was on the ground [illegible] the boat
been, she said, all over the building,
[illegible] about without saying any thing
to any body. She was quite frightened
and [illegible] with her & was afraid
it would. [illegible] of the gang
[illegible] at the head of the middle

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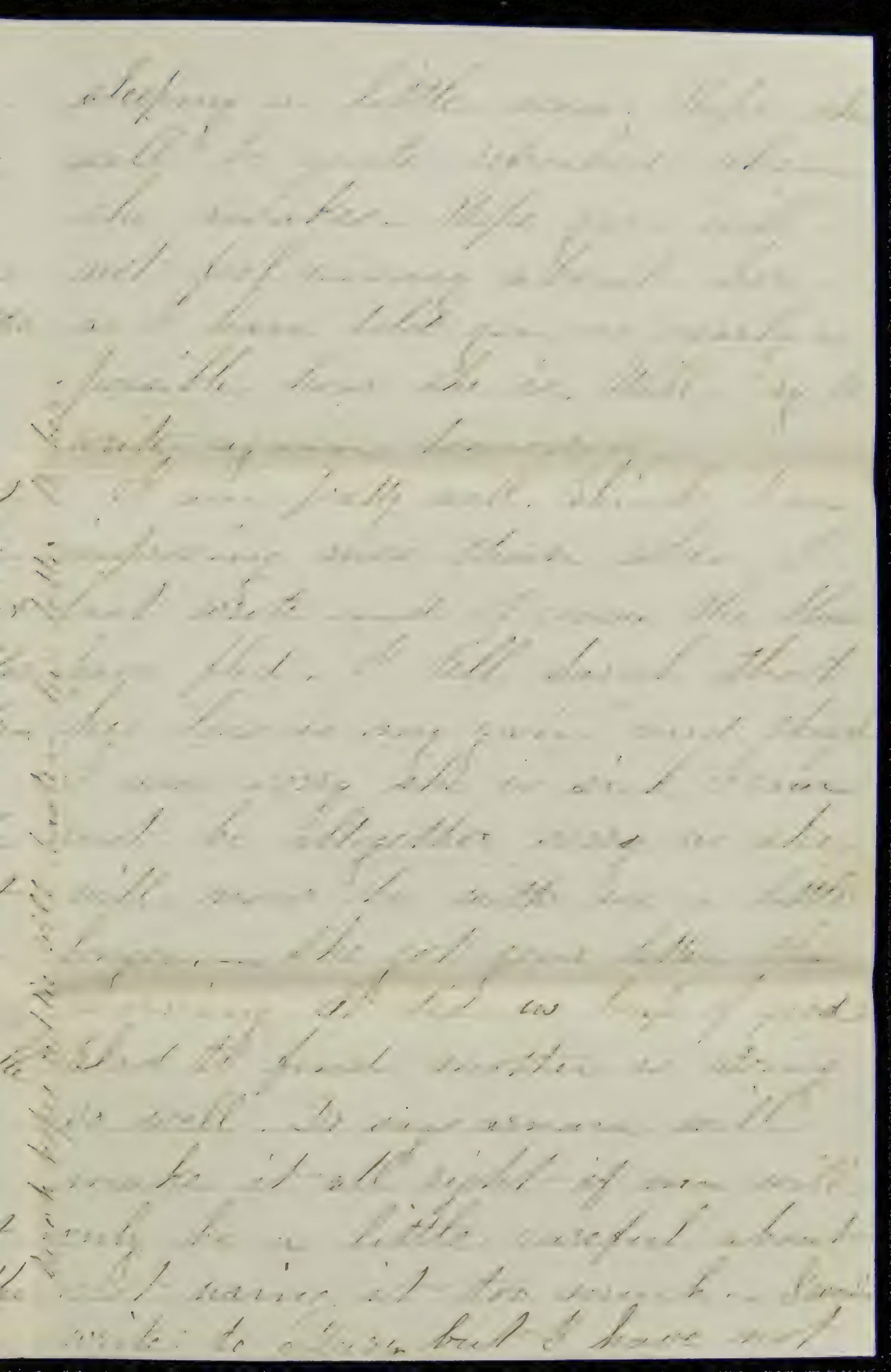


Smith's Hotel

Saratoga, Oct. 14th

My dear Anna,

This is Thursday
and I intend to write to you, and I
intend to fulfil the engagement
hoping you will remain in
Saturday.

We had a pretty pleasant
ride little journey and reached
this safely about 4 o'clock
and were obliged to stay in
Schenectady about two hours
we left our trunks and took
in charge of the hotel
and went and fed a little

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

until after I [illegible] you at
the Granite State, as in that
way our letters will be sent
to us.

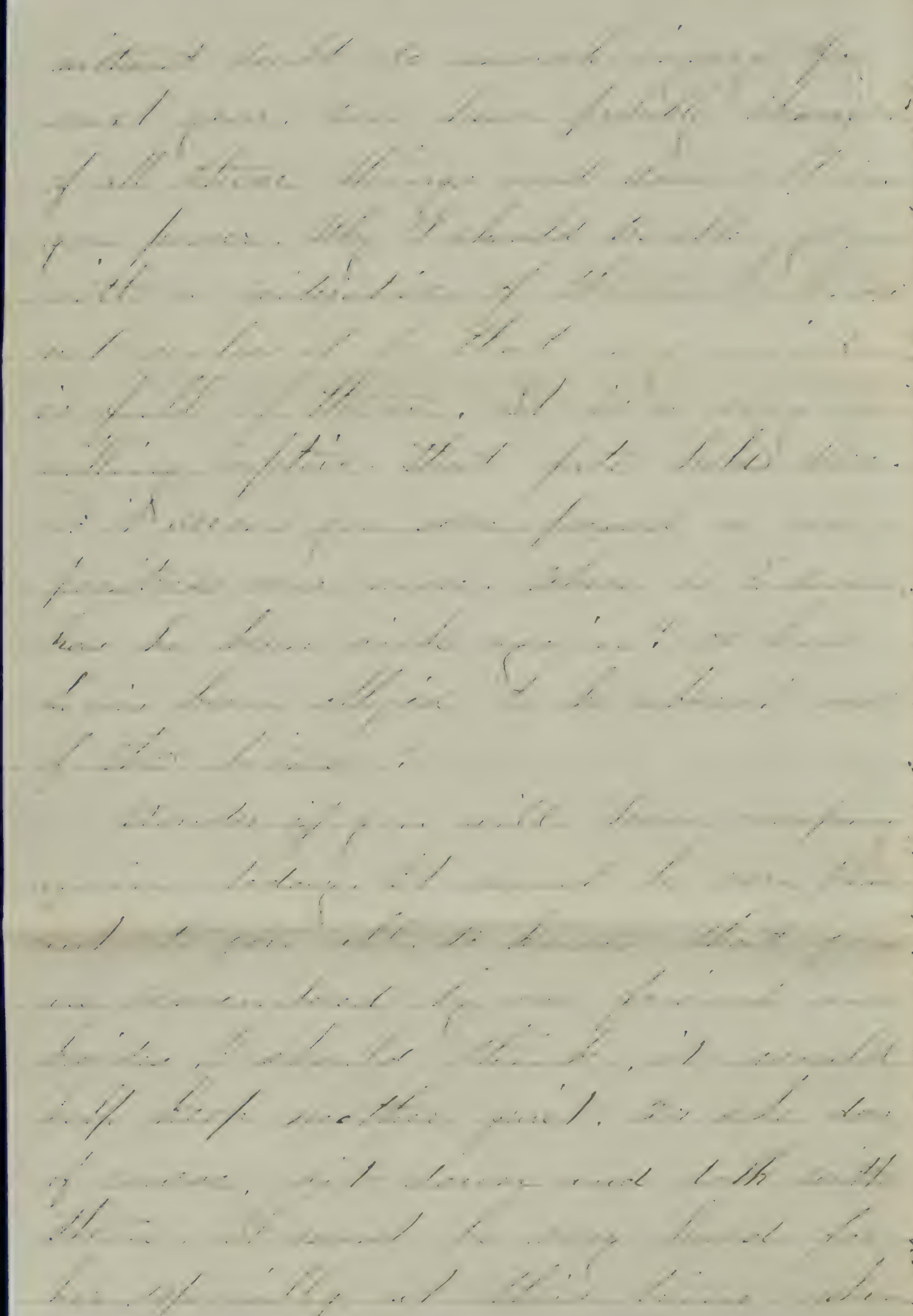
Give much love to Nellie
and tell not to leave the
baby of Stanton until I return
to take charge of it.

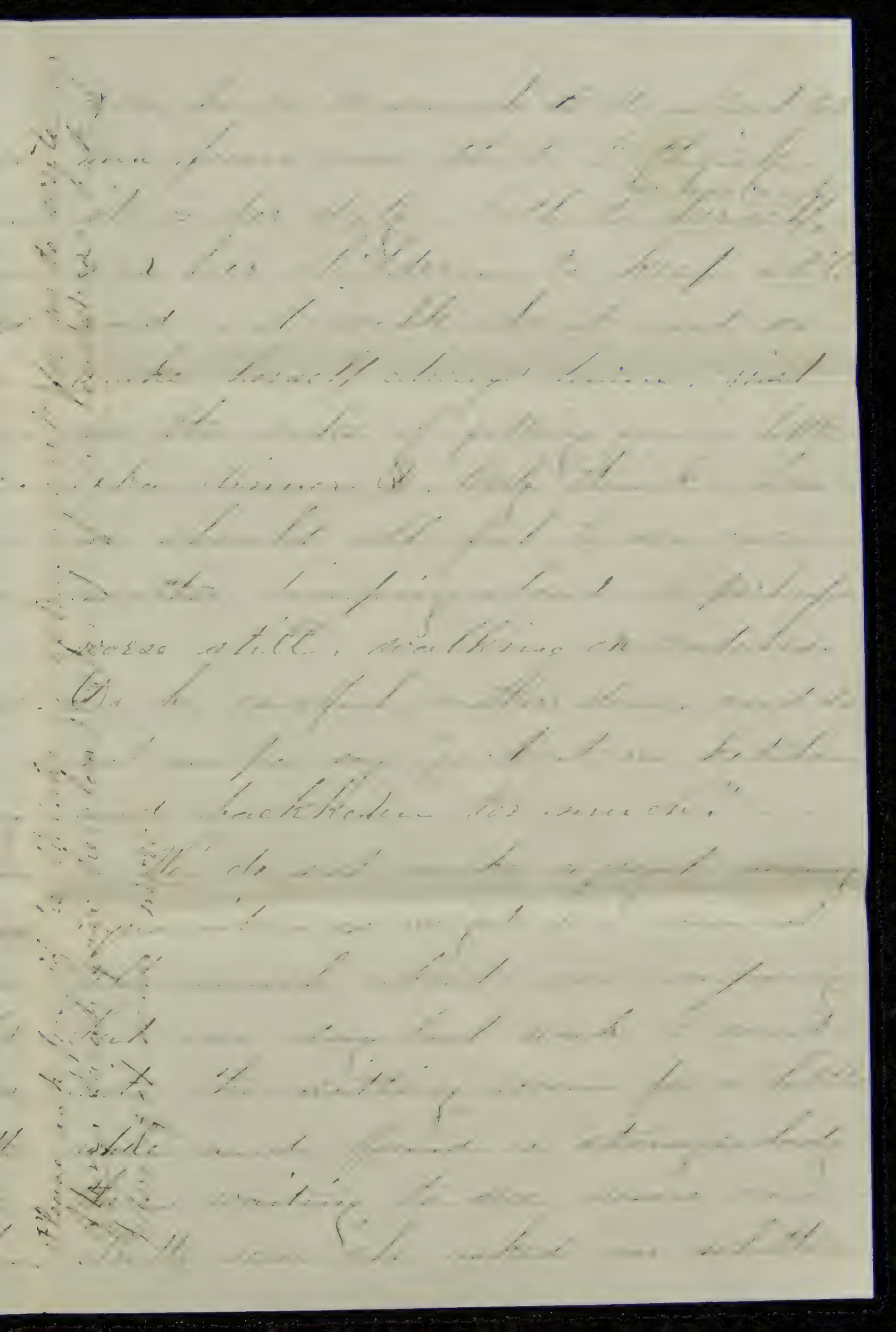
I would like to know
if you are at home as usual,
I do suppose you will let
me hear you answer this. Be sure
to tell something from Rabbie's
little mouth: make him say
something to tell Mrs. Dunn
was - afraid Carrie will forget
me. But I guess Rabbie won't.
If you have patience to read all this
I will do pretty well, for I at
least save you from more drudg-
Remember that I am have two sisters
here and love us as we love you dearly [illegible]

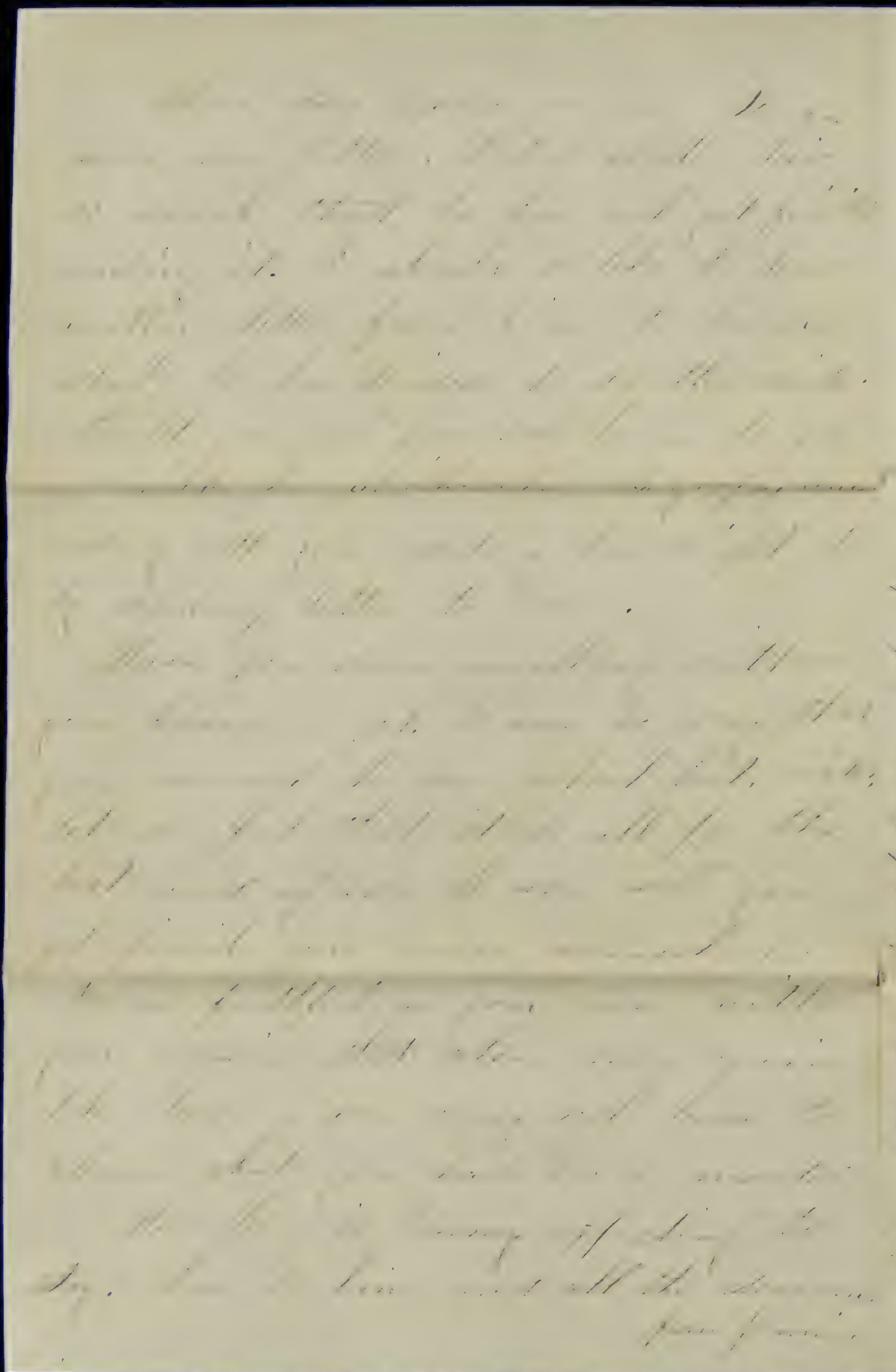
the high ... most ...
— The first ... has ...
for ..., He ... has left,
... to ... the ...

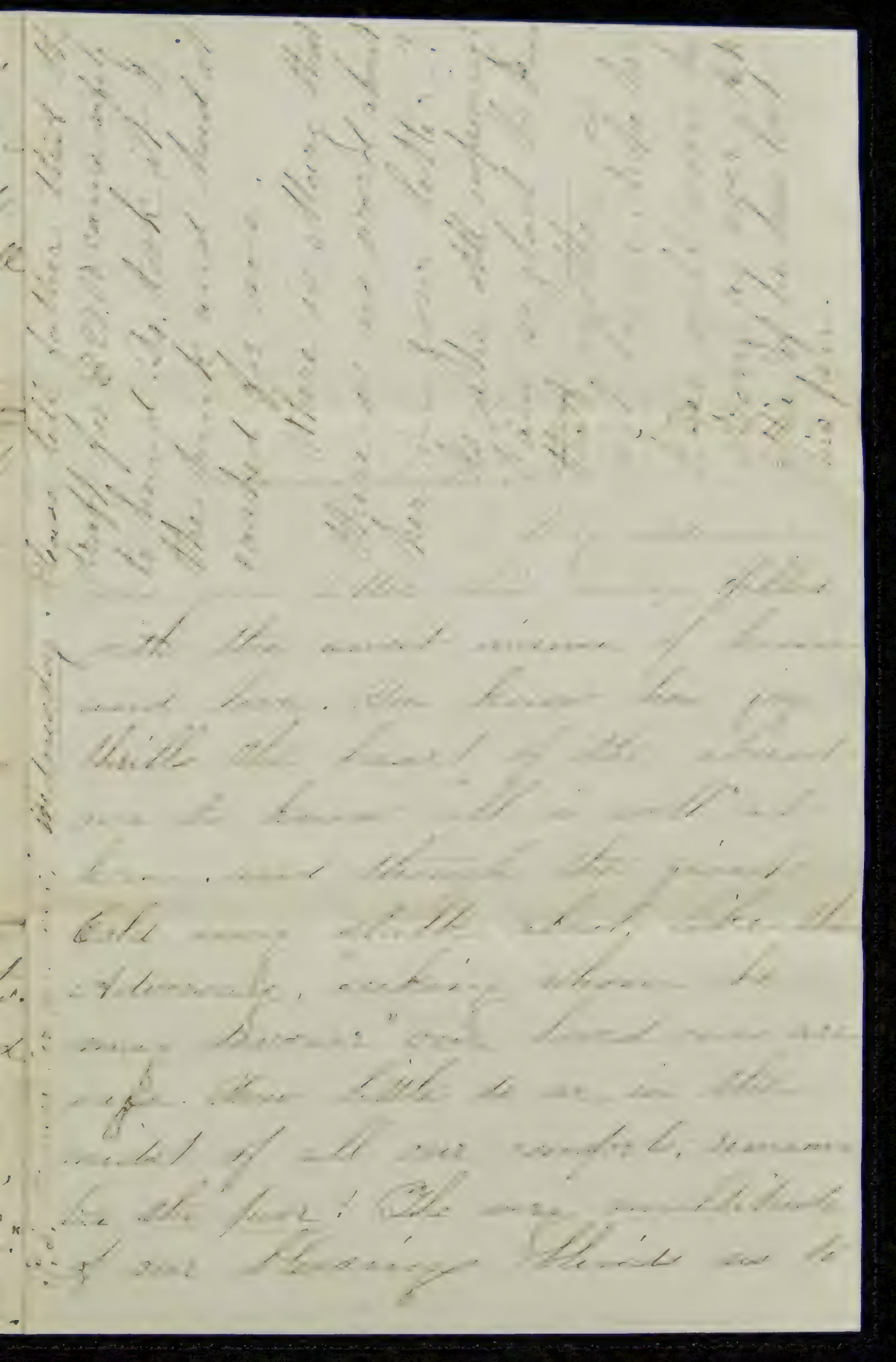
I believe I would like ...
... better if I could be here when
the next ... Then
I ... and ... with
Nellie ... and a ... meal
a Hotel. I believe I drink ...
the ... though ... this ...
pleasant and the people are kind
and very attentive, although
the cuisine is a little ...
as at table. In fact we
... like.

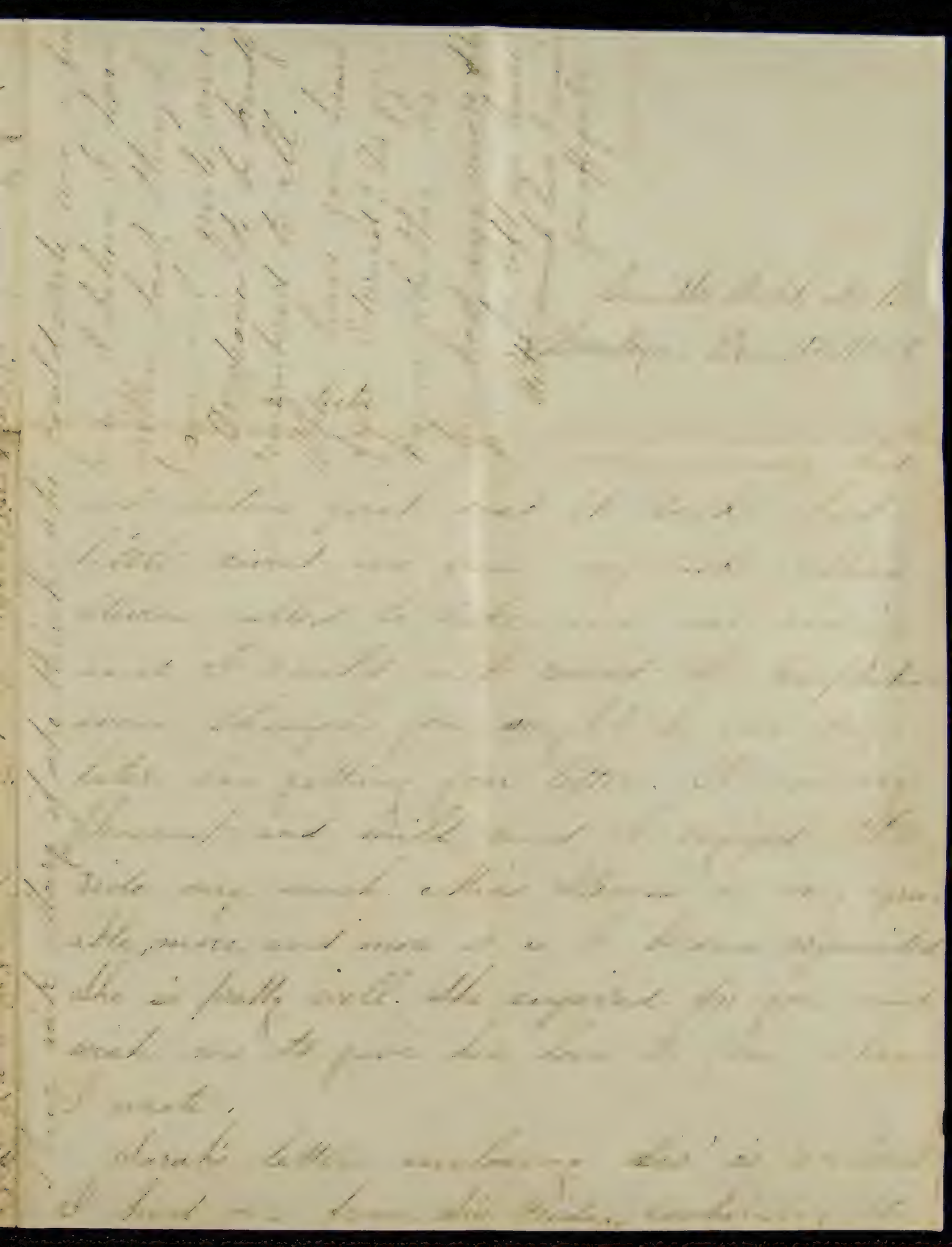
... I must ... to
... when you have ...
me a ... I ... afraid you
have had a tooth-ache. I do hope
we shall have a letter soon.
It would ... you to ... and











[illegible] 21. [illegible]

My dear [illegible]

I [illegible] for the
that I was to write to you today
until [illegible] reminded me of it and
I answer you. I am [illegible] sorry it is
for I am [illegible] the
act of writing to you [illegible]
me [illegible]

I wonder if you [illegible] have
got home yet. If you have not it
must be a [illegible]

Thank you [illegible] for writing to
me [illegible]. I was a
good deal afraid you [illegible]
for I [illegible] you [illegible]

have the first cake, and I
then you had some at supper
tonight; and by-and-by it has
got to be small by the time.
I'm sorry we left Nice. I think
you girls must have been
cold and taking the c. I hope
you were cold enough, and then
you had one cake to warm you as
we had. We have a little left yet
but it is as hard as a stone. I guess
it would have to soak in tea
before it is eaten.
I wish Bobbie could be here to
see the cars go. They run almost
close to the Hotel. The Eiffel
Tower is just in front of our
room, you could see it
from your window. It is amusing to see the
wagons and carts and carriages at
almost every hour, that we have

... Thursday all sorts of days,
Good, as it seems to me with
most Everything.

"Thursday. Since writing the
above I have been
out for a walk and some other
little things, among them into
Mr. Lock's walk. I believe
think we walked two miles. I
feel ~~better~~ quite tired but I guess
not too much so to write a little
more. It's a beautiful,
summer like weather, quite unusual,
I think, at this season of the year.

"How is Auntie? I hope she is
not feeling very lonely. Indeed
I hope you will all of you be
able to keep up your spirits
during my absence. How is it
with you, Anna? By the way,
has Mr. Roberts called on you
yet? If so, I hope Mary was at

home to keep you within bounds.

How is Edward? I hope he has not been sick again.

If Mary is not at home be sure and tell us when you have heard from her, but I hope she is with you before this.

Well Rabbit to take good care of only Miss Billy.

When you write, Anna, don't forget to tell me all you know I wanted like to hear.

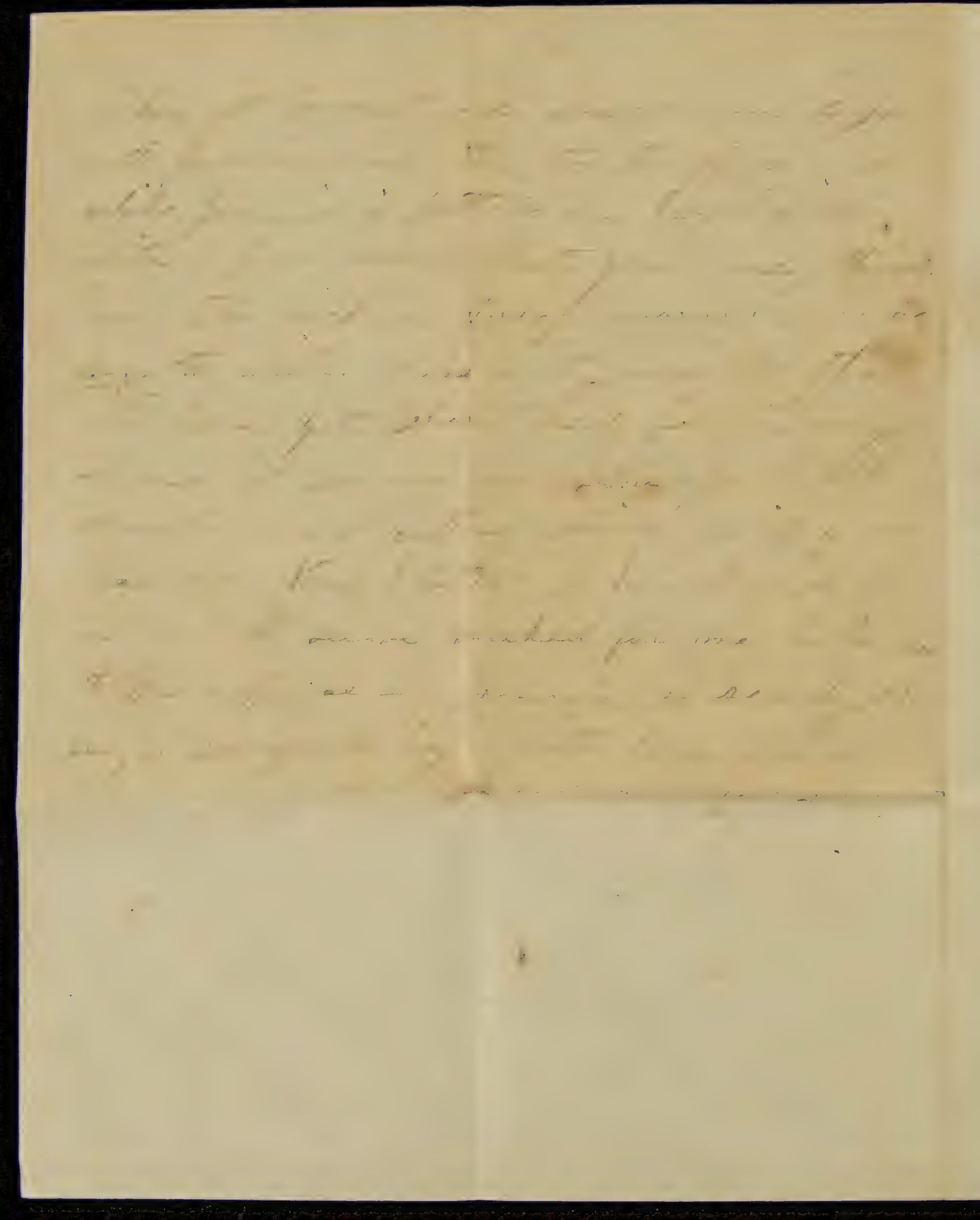
Tell Jane I received her letter and hope to write to her soon.

I am ashamed of this letter, but still I should not like to have you say you were.

How does Mother get along without me? Love to Father and Mother and all from both of us. Jennie is very busy waiting to Miss.

Good bye. Remember me dear Sat.

Sarah.



Samedi après-midi.

Dear Mary:

Samedi après midi
Soi la fonction d'écrire et à réciter le
français. C'est la quatrième lettre que
j'écris aujourd'hui, et la pluie ne m'empê-
chait guère ce matin. Mary Elizabeth
est ici with me yeux. Elle fait pendre
leurs poupées. Mary paraît jouir de la
vie. Elle veut à Rouen cette après-midi.
Avez vous entendu des fêtes ? Nous dî-
pêchâmes nos chapeaux ce matin par
l'express.

This must be the extent of
the French, I fear. For the
day is drawing to a close and I
have many things yet to do. I
am very sorry to find that I
forgot to send you a French dic-
tionary and of course you can write

me an French answer. You may
suppose if you [illegible] to me in
English until we have an opportunity
I hope you will a dictionary. I
have just returned from my French
[illegible]. I had my [illegible] to-day,
and shall do so, at least for a fort-
night, as I think it will be better
for you to receive good than bad
French. It was far from being correct
when you, when I carried it to him.

The term is passing very pleas-
antly. My classes are all doing well
and I feel quite encouraged. The
weather is delightful and I guess it
lightens the spirits of every one.
The leaves are covered with shade
just now and it seems like Sum-
But we feel as glad at its approach
for with it comes such a refreshing
breeze. I wonder whether you are
enjoying the spring so much as I
do. I miss the cider but used to

give me. [illegible] put me
in the country where all women
would be queer, just from its long
under skirts. There are two large lines
just in front of the stamp which
effect me much please. I wish
this journey has something in
in the matter to drawing of her
little nibbles, as in bird the com-
ing of the feathers on the back
of her head. Have you been to
the moth lately? and if you have
just tryout I will please on the
parks table and in doors? How
is ellen now? tell her to try to
and be very kind to me at her
father's. She intends to stay until
next and I know it will rather re-
joice. Jo with dear. it will be
for all good. they [illegible] little but
because Lucy did not godmother the
wedding. I explained how it was and
she was not satisfied.

[illegible] received
[illegible] pictures frames made. I [illegible] was
[illegible] made exactly & had the
size of yours, & your directions to have
them made also. I think I had better
not take music lessons this term.
I find it would take a good deal
of time, which I think perhaps
I had better devote to French and
perhaps painting. I know I can
learn those, and I might perhaps
be learning away the time that
I should [illegible] learn music.
What says our music Brother? How
[illegible] I think I [illegible] you and wish
[illegible] might [illegible] in some of your
[illegible] nights. [illegible] of those
times, while you away. — How are you
& in that dear home of ours? Did ma
make herself sick working for us? I am
afraid she did, and much I fear that I
forgot to thank her for all her kindness.

Exercise 7.

Hoc dictum est, quod illud.

Habitatis eadem est, quae habitatis.

Hoc fere idem est, quod aliud.

Tabis es, quibus te semper putavi.

Animus est, quem scis, Gallus ad tuum (esse).

Animus est, quem intelligat te simulare.

Animus est, quem scis praeterita mutari non posse.

Animus est, quem illa inter se contraria esse

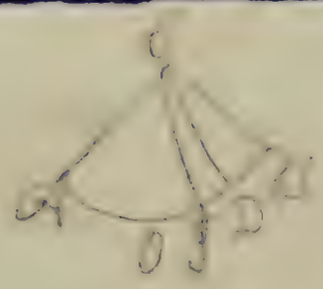
Et qui et tu tales sumus, quales semper fuimus.

Vestra tanti erunt, quanti tibi vestra nunquam videbuntur.

Haud quicquam patent te domum.

Erunt qui colloquuntur mecum.

J. Evers 11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Last evening after tea Thea and I had sent a joint letter to the office for you, we received the last one you wrote. I think it was a fine idea of yours thus to pay up your letter debts all with one letter, tho' of course I think my own way a little better. I dont very often stop to think whether I owe you a letter or not; if I feel like writing or if I've any news, I get my folio and commence a letter. Now, tonight, it seems to me that perhaps a letter may do you a little good, your last does not sound as tho' it was written in the best of spirits. I am very sorry

that I grieved you by what I wrote in my letter to Cornelia. I only wrote so hastily because she had closed her letter to me by saying that she must stop now to go and help her mother, and that made the thought come into my mind that you had written of you said anything in any of your letter about what was your part of the work, and so I just jotted it down. I might have expressed the thought more clearly, I am sure I never thought you would get such an idea as you did from it You are the last person in the world that I should dream of doing less than you ought; our great anxiety is that you will over do. We would much rather pay for your board in part or the whole than to have you do "all" you can "with your strength". If Mrs. H. would not feel

able to have you board with them without helping with the work I think you could get boarded somewhere near for a few weeks and so give all your time to music you did not want for your drawing class. I will write to Miss Hatthrup about it if you like. Or you can come home and you and I will go for the winter to Elizabeth or we will manage it some way that your music will not suffer. Eddie intends to stay home and work in the office this winter and then if they get an apprentice they can spare both of us just as well as not. — Do you want some money? I should think you would you took so little when you went. We would send some in this but it will be in the office over Sunday and so we decided to wait and ask you what you want.

Have we ever told you how I went down to meet John L. Jones and his wife that Sat. evening he came here. He had written to father they would come in the 4 o'clock train from Mica. He did not know his wife or when he married her, simply remarking that he supposed that father knew by that time that he was married, — I'm always, you know, shame a little afraid of strangers and Sarah was very uneasy about it, She was quite sure she would be some dreadful Yankee, — The cars were all of an hour behind the time that night, and I, the only lady in the depot sat there off in one corner trying to think of something pretty to say to the young wife and our friend John L. after a long time E. A. Roberts came in and drew a chair near to talk with me, very soon he remarked, "I understand Minnie Jones is married." "I then it was she that John L. married," I said interrupting him, "I am so glad!" and then we talked it all over, he had his news direct from R. R. Roberts who heard it from E. H. Jones, who married them, Soon John D. Griffiths came in. He had the news too from R. R. R. and so when the train came in they both went to the door to meet Minnie, their niece you know while I stood a little back that they might speak to her first. Mr. Jones came (1st page)

Remsen, Nov. 11. 1861.

Dear Anna,

It is so long since we have written to you, that you will be glad to get even a short letter. Last evening we receive the accompanying from Elizabeth. You will find in it a invitation to make the visit I proposed to you in my last. It is a long time since any of us have written to her - not since sometime before you left home, I hope therefore you will write to her at your first convenient opportunity.

Lina in Ilion went to Utica this afternoon. Margaret went yesterday. She wanted to make a little visit at her aunts in Utica. They expected to start from there to New York tomorrow morning. Margaret expect to sail next Saturday.

102 East 42st St, N. Y. is Ellen Roberts address which we have been so long in sending.

Queen is much the same.

This has been a very pleasant clear day. All well and send love. In haste

Jennie

New York, Jan 25, 1[illegible]

Dear Sister Emma,

I am very much pleased with the [illegible] kind of! It looks very neat and I [illegible]. How are the [illegible], Lida and how did my [illegible] Mother, Carl and Sallie? Do they will want me any more! I have been very sorry that I came without the watches. I left them on mother's bureau. I think if I had them I could have hand some of the exercises at Dr Hadley and some of the [illegible] here. Please look for them and take care that they do not get lost. Dr Houghton says they should be worn all the time to do any good.

It is a great treat to have Jennie here, I do wish I could entertain her better, but am pretty lazy. We both enjoyed the visit to Hodgkins last night very much indeed. How sorry I am for dear Mrs. Jones. I have written her my earnest sympathy and love. Oh, she has comforted and supported me in her trial. You have also met with a great loss, and you will all feel it very much. He has always been such a true, good Neighbor. You will miss him very much. Had Jennie known

that he would be called away so soon, & he would not have left you then, but she did not know. I am glad Mother is getting able to go to church. It will be such a comfort to her. Take care of your own self dear girl, and get strong as fast as you can. You have indeed been having a very busy time. How glad I am that your home had Mother's room so nicely arranged, I should just like to take a look at the dishes you stole till Minnie comes home. We are having

Jennie & Mary
can roll flour barrel up today
preparatory to having Marble
tiles laid. I suppose it
will take about a week
or there to do it. Today
is quite warm & rather
oppressive, Making us long
for country air. We have
been having lovely cool
weather hitherto. Has your
lettuce come yet? I have
strawberries begun to ripen.
Treat yourself & cream
dear as often as you can
get it down. Have they
killed the fattest calf yet?
I should think mine might
be a platform arranged in
the mill, to keep such things

chilly wet day so I have not been to see Mrs Jones - L - Mary gone
Mrs Mill - cakes yesterday - with a letter Libbie Akey and I ready work
we had made - 3 in all
cookies too - it seems that
the flour has wasted the
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the 12 - 53 train
for it at the depot, but when
I found we could reach here
just as soon by taking the
other train I concluded to
wait and wait Mrs. Dis
(Wm D's daughter) so I left
at the depot while I got the
and the baggage checked, and
went over to the store to see if
Mrs. R was at home and if
she was living near - & she was
and in No 48 Whitesboro St -
I went back for Dis - left
satchel and umbrellas in
the store and walked on
to the house. I had seen
Mr R brother only in the store
he having gone home to
dinner and there we found
him - just ready to leave the
table but - he gave us a very

cordial welcome as also did his wife. She got us a most tempting dinner and withal was so kind and cheery that we could not help eat- and enjoy it- for tho' we had just lunched at the depot before we thought of waiting over a train - coffee dinner Cynthia took a nice nap on the bed and when we started Mrs N. gave us apples, oranges, and Hard cench to eat on the way - they gave a nice relish to our home lunch and we especially enjoyed the oat bread. Our visit - and the kindness received did us lots of good - We got in the cars in good season without any hurry and found plenty of room - had a very pleasant journey - We did not stop often but at Little Falls we would have been glad if they would have stopped

Mrs. Tilney invited us to visit with her next time we are passing by

a good deal longer than they did
it is such a rocky picturesque
place - the houses crowded in
among the rocks where there
was room and sometimes where
there was only half enough room ~~for~~
~~them~~ I noticed one such - the half of
the house rested on the place there
was and the other half on supports
which rested on rocks much below the
first - before we could not half the
wonderous beauty of the place the
cars started and we were in New
York quite on time - We had no
expectation of seeing Eddie and
Mary there but there they were
and with them we were not long
in finding Bill. - by which time
the journey - I dont know but
better than I - for she got up to
breakfast and I didn't - The
house is very pleasant - as Anna
can tell you - we slept - in the
sitting room on the sofa bed and
Mary slept on the floor - Yesterday
Mary had one new tenant come
in and she is expecting one or
two more soon - Dr. Wright - is leaving
at Mary's ~~own~~ request - This is a

write to Plymouth? Lewis received
a letter from Rev D E Evans about
the account there - He advises
sending I dont know how many
bills to different persons - Thus
D. L. Davies, dyn da, bill &c. &c.
Did you make out bills and
send him the amounts due
or what? Will it be necessary
for me to look over the books
or can I make bills on
the strength of his figures?
he does not give them in
all cases though - I wish I
could find a copy of your
letter to him on the bills.

I get along pretty well but
slowly. I feel pretty tired often
I suppose because I do not

sleep better. Mother sleeps
pretty well most nights out
I lie awake a good deal
when she sleeps. Yesterday
I took a nap in the after-
noon. Today I laid down but
did not sleep. I am very
glad you are a little better.
Hope you will continue to
improve. Monday morn. If you did not
make out those bills, John
Eddie can help me and I
guess I can get along in time.
You must not worry about
things here. I think mother
is gaining. I sleep with her.
She took that for her cough
She was some better before I
no worse afterwards. She takes
off is now. — We had a pleasant
call from Katie Roberts Saturday
and Annie called here yesterday
They intends going back to Sum
today — Sarah is out up this A.M.

have been and to ever I They were glad to hear and to feel a little hope But
made last night after we got home
to tell you and also send a card
to Joe Roberts asking him to let
Mary stay down in case he
waited to be in the village. It
seems a very favorable time to
send it as so many, I can tell
by himself how they carry on I
wish to write to comfort Mary,
she spoke of my sending her some
I did not know how to get them where

I am very sorry we have to
be planning about the Hawk - the
truth is we waited for you to write
more decidedly about what they should
be made payable — Mary strongly favors
here and I Remain tho' I am not
sure. Mary has gone down to see
Mrs. Taylor and will if possible
have a deed sent to you today,
I'll write to him yesterday requesting
to have them printed today,
they will be as at first for you,

What- a long letter I got last night

Eddie Mary has anti- tetanus and I all

Remember to Mina & Phil & me

Love to Sonny

What do you think I may prepare to go home and you come home? It is so warm that we are comfortable with fires today. We have been burning [illegible] and found it very handy and easy to keep a steady fire - wish we had coal again - we got it last evening at 6 o'clock thinking to have Mr. Gem [illegible] put it in but the boy played the [illegible] which with it so that I had to go and tell them to let it alone - So Mr. G. has to put it in as soon as he can,

Have you any orders for me before I go home. Do you know which day we may expect? Even Friday or Saturday? He probably will let us

if he comes before Saturday.

We find our butter is nice that I fear we are extravagant in its use. We have not much more than half what was in the jar left. Perhaps you had better buy a roll in town. Sarah if they can spare it - when you come down; you would find it so much nicer than what you could get here, and it would keep in the jar. How much do they give for fresh butter there? I have not seen any here yet. — Did we tell about Mr. Thos. Thomas' frozen finger? He has been coming here nearly every other day since the second week after I came down. He froze it - the first of Jan. and neglected it too long before showing it to Mary. All the flesh from the last joint of the finger was black and has to come off gradually, as the new flesh grows below - it has passed the root of the nail now - Mary gives him electricity - a carbon salve and med. It is doing nicely but changes slowly. I never said

for Edith has a vacation now, & we have lots of company - she has been a dear - called on Etta - & I gave her it. Etta will read it & give it to Will & he will give it to me. Mother keeps it in her Bible and when she has finished her chapters, takes it out and reads it over - so she does with each letter as it comes, until another is received to take its place. This evening she read it before going to bed and asked whether I had answered it. I said no! but I will try to answer it tonight. In looking it over, I find that it has been answered, but for mother's sake I will give it a second answer! I wonder if you so often sigh for a letter from home as mother does

for one from you! Very little do we know how you are proper ing. We have been quite bus, lately preparing bills and sending them We have had some answers as you will see by the next Centador

Mother is worrying again about the defiant and it keeps her awake a good deal nights. She wrote a note to Lewis last week Saturday asking him if he can not do it as it was at first proposed. Thursday Mr. Hughes called here and he spoke about it. He had been talking to Lewis and mother understood from him that Lewis was waiting for her to mail him some definite offer. Yesterday Jane stopped here on her way to see Mrs. Jones. She said Lewis would like to make some arrangement

to change work with me while she did it. They proposed to have fire in their front chamber for me to sit. — It does not seem to me that such an arrangement is feasible. What do you think? Mother has not been able to see Lewis yet. The roads are very bad except for the lumber wagon and of course she cannot get into that. Our old buggy is very shaky when used on bad roads. Last Sabbath she staid home — the Sabbath before she went in the sleigh. — Mother thinks some of offering Lewis $25. for editing the Cofriant — but she has not determined.

Mrs. Jones walked to the village last Monday to show her arm to Dr. Williams. He says both bones were broken — she will never be able

She is engaged in the night school where we are having warm weather and sleighing well nights. Storm brewing, if not some.

to relate her wrist. It was so long since she broke it that he could not make it right at least he did not propose doing it. Dr Wiggins said it was only cracked and while he put a board on he did not set it. Mrs Jones had probably pulled it right before he saw it, as she says.

Annie and I went today to see Mrs. J. C. Thomas. She is not able to do any work now. Dr. Owens attends her. He says her lungs are sound, the throat is baddly affected. He gives her medicine with a great deal of salt - she thinks he fears hemorrhage. She asked for you - she has been wanting for a good while to see you - I told her I would ask you to write her a letter. Annie does the work. Bertie looks very well

Some letter. We will buy [illegible]
money so that she can [illegible]
all she can eat. Mary has
great faith that they will be
better for her than medi[illegible]
(her med. excepted of course).
We send the ribbon [illegible]
yesterday but do not know
you had better [illegible]
about dimming the lights
after you come down. I
shall be very glad to see
you all and the home
friends once more, tho' I
have enjoyed being here
better than ever before I
have felt [illegible] at home. M- has been a great
comfort to me to have that
boy and small stuff to play
in the warm room. I think
when I go home she must
sleep there still and I [illegible]

black brown shades. I would not be offended by the hat.

Mary sent photographs yesterday, & covers most [illegible] this winter - She has had a case of diphtheria with Sarcoma. Well, seems the Ether for most colds this season. The fires are burning and Christmas and the days will be [illegible] you all good to [illegible] in water and [illegible]

I do not know when we shall get the papers and I cannot tell when we shall send them - I shall [illegible] I am from [illegible] to know what you think about coming down - [illegible] Or We wish to send for - July [illegible] and [illegible]

I am afraid the cruel war and Coal - made [illegible] with you

We called last evening on Mrs Scott. It was rather late before we started and so we did not stay long. We had a very pleasant call - Mrs. S. is pretty and good we think. She is like one almost every home for sheltered waifs - said she had not had much to do. The Cate city homes [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Scott have [illegible] - and Thursday Mr. Scott has another so her time for real meal-making.

Have you money to pay your way here? How do you get along about that? does any come in on old debt. We are expecting the tithe to be handed [illegible] tomorrow. I can send them out - you tell me about the accounts. Those checks from Mark & Sanford came the 1st mail. You can send them to me, without

by mail in a small envel

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hier hier hier
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hier hier hier

to eat- and
Something
Whatever
to sing about
hanging from
are from all
No change yet.
Very warm
this P.M. in
the Star
cellar -
80° in shade
about 95°
Have
shall have
letter
tonight -
I wrote again to Mrs. D.
yesterday and last-night - I got- a letter
with the notice for the cove -. Lewis
told me last- night- that they were to get-
the number out- today - so I went- over
there early this morning - Lewis was
in the office looking for something
to fill a little space on the cover,
so that of Dewi Emlyn could be put- in -
that of Mr. Edwards will also be left- this
time only changing 240 to 300.

I drove on to see Mr. Hughes who
was going today to the Quarterly meeting
and asked him to say something about-
the Colliant- to the ministers and if
they thought- best- pass some resolution
in regard to it. 1870

In coming home I stopped at-

Robert Hughes' and had a pleasant little call. Saw Mr. Powell there - and told him I feared it would take too long to try get anything from under through Gwesyn. He suggested that we write to cousin John and send a list - of questions and John's wife he said would write the answers and send them to us.

If you think best - to send cannot you three put your heads together and make a list - of questions? I tried without much success as you will see - and I find it is taking all my time at this rate writing letters - so I send to you.

I churned today and have made the butter - first time - it is beautiful, I have not churned any yet - I liked - do not know as I will till Saturday. That one armed man was here - this p.m. - we gave him something

At G. f. G's Office.

Dear Anna

Mrs G. has no minim but he thinks it would not look badly to have that page all set in brevier (type shall right) - Shall I have it done so? He thinks it best to have the setting done here and he will not charge much if anything - and we can return the type again when we get it.

Please send the address of the Stereotypers — J. E.

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Miss Anna L. Everett

Remsen

Oneida Co

N. Y.

Aquatonnie Apr. 30/85

Dear Sister Anna;

Another chance today & though I wrote on Friday & sent Saturday it will not do to let the opportunity pass. We cannot afford to lose a chance of dropping in for a little chat. It is cold here today. Fires are very comfortable. I hope it does not mean a snow storm with you! But perhaps it is warm & pleasant there & I hope so indeed. You have had your share of it this season. John said at breakfast this morning that he feared the cold frost. He remembered frost here once on May 1st, hard enough to destroy the potatoes. A & K Mr. Jones if he ever saw potatoes hoed & dragged after the vines

Edibles for Mrs Cook meals, where heard first

are up a little way. They do it here, and it is a fine way to kill the early weeds. and it gives the potatoes a fine start. they grow so much faster after having the ground stirred. Ferman says it seems almost "as if it pulled them up & made them grow"! Occasionally, a plant is pulled up, but not many. I dried one saturday as they were dragging, & re-planted, but Ferman says he lets them go. Did I ever tell you of our visit from Jumbo last fall? One cold day last fall Jennie was washing in this, our room, & John was churning in the kitchen. I was sailing around, There came a rap at our door, which I answered, & in walked a huge Negro with a gun, & took him into the kitchen, when he said, "Have you any bread & butter, we are out

hunting, & we are hungry. There are four of us." I referred to John as the Man of the house, as to whether I should satisfy that hunger. & he encouraged me to go ahead. I looked proudly at his gun & told him to be sure & point that the other way! "I will," said he, & he stepped back into the other room & I put it on the bed & point towards the road. We had the bread in a tin can in the kitchen and I took out a great drippy pan double loaf. & breaking it in two, began to set the table. That great square loaf took his eye & he said, "I'll take that, there are four of us out there!" I got a shovel of butter on a saucer & he started with the loaf & saucer of butter, & a knife. By the door he turned & asked if we had any cold meat. I got him some lovely cold chicken.

For all this he paid a quarter!
They were a party from town,
one of them the Suggets' son.
Jennie has been looking
over my shoulder & says I am
stringing this out at a great
rate, & besides she thinks I told
you this before! Maybe I did, if so
you'll have to pardon. We have not seen Junie
since. We are having another lot
of chickens. A hen is cooking in the
mother this time, & we will see how
she will behave. I have seen but two
chicks yet. They are in a coop by the
Milk House.

Did I tell you that one of John's horses
Queen has a sore foot? It has been
sore along time & now there is proud
flesh in it. We are putting on
burnt alum.

P. M. It has come off mild
& warmer. Such splendid growing
weather! I send a few more flowers
also a pressed lettuce plant picked Friday. They
are large now. also some leaves from
Tom Thumb. Carrots are up also beets.

Good bye dearest. May our Loving Heavenly
Father care for you. Love to all the dear
friends there from Jennie & Mary.

Thus were well of Edwards, & his cousin Jennie & Mrs. Hoke & do. Thank Ida for Herald & Sister's & Sue's letters & Fannie's letter & Edwards & Sue's. & Fannie's letter & Edwards & Sue's. & Fannie's letter & Edwards & Sue's.

but you [illegible] one letter since then.
you too much. What a comfort it
is that we can meet at the Mercy
Seat and confide each other's
cases to the care of our loving
& able Heavenly Father! What should
we do without this blessed privilege?
It seems to bring us nearer, & think
we are each getting more trustful.
I have a few lines in my mind
that came after that terrible
storm. — I think you two women
were really quite brave, to keep such
good heart, in that great storm
wave. With but an old man, and
a feeble one too, to stand as a
guard, 'twixt the tempest and
you! Our dear Heavenly Father,
who saw from above, He guarded
you well, in infinite love. In
sunshine or cloud, whatever the
weather, we will trust & lean hard
on our Strong Elder Brother.
Hope cousin Jennie is with you

now, with her cheerful, helpful presence. If she had all the letters that I penned to her on my mind she could make quite a bonfire! As it is, I suppose she sets me down as one of her delinquent correspondents; & so I am, not having written all my thoughts. Sister sits beside me and reads each sentence as it flows from my pen. I will give her a chance & bye & bye to edify me! I am so glad that Bennie had an opportunity to try those Autumn leaves. Something different from our foliage at home. I do not know how they were left here all winter! Thank you and Johnny for bringing you flowers. How does little Tommie get along? Bennie says she is glad you had a bib of butter to send, as that

bring you in something. It must be a relief to have the milk go. Does Alice get along pretty well with the butter? or did you have to call on Mrs. Jones. Take care & don't let the work bear too heavily on you, dearest. Take it as easy as you can. — Your letter

18th — A thunder shower came up which checked the homeward tendency so I will finish my sentence now. Your letter mailed May 4th & Eddie's mailed May 3d & Edward's mailed May 5th all reached here the same time. Yours & Eddie's are postmarked at Osawatomie May 6th Edward's the 5th the day it started. Probably yours started in the morning & reached here the evening of the second day! how is that for distance? I send you a bunch of flowers from the honey locust under which I have my seat. The [illegible] is so sweet.

Now dearest I
forget by
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My love is a lady of intellect, education & judgment in most things. I cannot see where the prettiness & sweet lookingness is. Our mirror is very small, and we do not indulge overmuch in that direction. But you know it is natural to try to be good and merit the good opinion of those who favor you with so many nice speeches & exclamations! The name of my love is Jennie, is it not a nice name? and she came from the East when I did. Indeed we traveled together, and have been much in each other's company ever since, so we ought to know something of each others merits & failings. I think a great deal of her too, & so there is a mutual interchange of gentle & loving thought & feeling.—

Joking aside, Jennie does seem to

think that your little sister has improved since coming to Kansas. Be that as it may, she is just the same in tender love and care for her own dear sisters, be they near or far. We three are one, in heart and loving sympathy: We are longing for word from you again. It is two weeks since but one had a Beauville Herald of the 17th your last was written; Are you still gaining? Is cousin Jennie there Why does she not write? We are very anxious indeed to hear from you again Do not have too much Spring cleaning done. I should think that the sitting room carpet is the only one that must come up this spring & that could be left till Eddie comes home. This is a rainy day. John wants to go about 3 miles beyond "town" for Millet seed, but if it does not clear up he cannot go. Jennie & I set out a dozen tomato

blanks the other day, but were driven in by a thunder shower. Have not attempted it since. There are many [illegible] still ready to put out, but not injuring by waiting. I used to think of the dreadful thunder showers of Kansas, but have not seen them realized. So far, none harder or more frequent than at home. John bought the other day some pie plates with perforated bottom. They do nicely if the bottom crust is whole, but if not look out for leaks. Talking of them & the wire nails that are so nice, John said I might write back to the backwards of New York of the modern improvements which they have here! He likes a quiet joke once in a while, & can take one too. I told him that he had to send East for his iron kettles. As the days began to lengthen perceptibly he looked at the clock one evening soon after dark & turned round with the remark, "It gets late very early now."

Osawatomie Ks.
June 9/88

Sister dear;

Another opportunity to send; hence this scribble, taking for granted that you are nothing loth, however often we may pop in upon you. Wish we could just step in as often as we "take the pen in hand". But never mind, that time will come, we trust, when we can not only step in, but stay. We had a glorious rain last night beginning with a thunderstorm about 9 P.M. (which made me think of you and wish I was there) After awhile there came a gentle continuous rain, for a long time, I dont know how long. I finally dropped asleep, and let it rain, as they do in China. This precious rain will bring us

early potatoes along, and give an opportunity to plant the late ones. They intended to plant them the last of May or 1st of June, but it has been too dry. We hope that this rain will start the millet. It has been too dry for it to start. There are 20 acres of it. Hope it will come now. — This is Lennie's birthday, 19. I wish I had something for a present for him. Think we will send to town for a rabbit which with a package of envelopes & a few pens will be something. Being alone in the world, he has no one else to think of such things for him. We want to send to N. Y. for our boxes, & perhaps to her will get a bible for him as he has none. Wonder if our boy is at home now. We had a nice letter from him written the Morning of the oration. He is very thoughtful to remember us

us so often. Hope you will have some rides when he is at home. We are glad that the buggy has wheels now. It must be much more comfortable. Is cousin Minnie there yet? I wish I could see her. So much, John looks ever so much like cousin Robert when he laughs. I am reminded of it every day. His eyes are grey & not so full as Robert's, but he laughs with them as Robert does. The expression is so alike. He has a little round cap which he wears to church in, & that reminds me of Robt's smoking cap. I ought to write to Robt to tell him what a handsome cousin he has out here! Has cousin Mary M. been there lately? I wish I could see her. She would like to see Charlie's new house. Has Eggie made you a visit yet? Has Annie returned from her visit? How is Charlie, also May? Give them a full kiss that I call May. She has a black head which I suppose is coquettishly and consequentially sometimes

She is one of the early "12" and reminds me also of a robin having a yellow instead of a red breast. The rest of her dress is black & yellow. I need not say that she is pretty, but the way she carries herself is too cunning for anything! Once I went to feed them towards evening, & put the food in their coop. They crowded so much by the door that I gently pushed some of them in further, thinking that as they were so tame, I might take the liberty; but O! what a scampering! ~~It was towards evening~~ & they had not got over their scare when bedtime came, and were quite shy about going in. After they were settled I supposed, I went to shut them down as we always do at night; when out they came! May fist! Gradually they gathered in again but they stood around the comm loiwards the house occasionally going to their door which is on the further side from our house, & then back again to the comm with her head in one

side,
as much as to say, "You go in, I'll watch. You need not be afraid, I will let you know if there is any danger." After standing around for quite a while, she too went in, but did not venture to shut their door that night till it was quite dark & they asleep. There is another pullet of the same lot, dress of a little more gaily, in black and gold, which reminds me a good deal of May so I call her May No. 2. Ask Willum if he has any chickens so cunning as ours. These you remember have shifted for themselves since they were a month old. The hens another lot five or six weeks old whose mother, a buff Cochin, stays with them. One evening she went with them to the coop. Jennie & I were sitting in the door near by, and wondering if they were not hungry as she had not fed them for some time. Pretty soon one of them, a Plymouth Rock, picked her way to where we were, as much as to say, "We haven't had our supper yet." So Jennie got up, and the little thing followed her till they all had something to eat.

We are glad you have those green cloth curtains in your room. Thank cousin Mary for us. They must look nicely. We are wanting to write to her thanking her for sending the Herald so faithfully. We have not had any of late - perhaps she too thinks we ought to write before she sends any more. Do you take the Weekly still? We were very glad to get the Bonnville Herald which you sent last week - all the little items of gossip are eagerly read. We saw some time since that Willie Davies and Augustus Owen were at work on something for which they hoped to get a patent. Do you know what it is?

John is starting so I send by him with lots of love from

Jennie & Mary & John

We had a very pleasant day after the rain but rather toward evening & from it grew cool. There is a fine breeze most all the time. Now, dear sister we hope for your letter.

Wawalonnie Ts June 6/88

Anna dear,

You are a precious little sister for writing so often and so fully. Your card was warmly welcomed last evening when John came from town. He went on horseback, so we could not go. We would not probably, if we could as we had washing on hand. He also brought letters from Clinton & Alfie. All well. E. writes that he did as well as he expected, but did not think that he was the successful one. We will see. Commencement week. At all events, I am glad he made the effort. It is well spoken of in the Herald, a copy of which, contains Lennie's. Have you seen a notice of the speaking? Eddie has had an opportunity to show what he can do, & it has brought him into the notice of good judges outside.

We sent your last two letters to Alfie. They returned last evening & we have been having a second feast in rereading them. You ask how high our record of Milk was last year 110 I think or thereabouts. We are glad you had a check for butter and will have some coming in from the Milk, You will need them to keep your farm and family going! Tell Jane we are much obliged to her for coming up to see you even if she does not write often. I think however that we ought to write to her as she wrote me a letter which we did not get, or answer! We think of her often, also of Robbie & family & Maggie & her family thought we have not yet written to them

I am sitting on a seat which I made last fall under the four walnut trees which form a nice shade cluster near the door, to the right

You will perhaps remember that there is another tree somewhat larger than either of these, to the left from the door, which throws its shade over the milk house and well. These trees interlocking their branches form a beautiful & very grateful shade in front of the door. It is as good as having another room in the house & I don't know but better. The door is shaded from 9 or 10 in the forenoon till sun-down, and the shade extends so far. I do enjoy it so much. The walnuts are now about as large as our fingers. I wonder how much larger they ought to be before being ready for pickling. I think they would be nice pickled, do you not? There are quantities of wild plums and gooseberries in the timber. not ready for use yet The gooseberries are smooth, not like our

wild ones. The corn is looking very nicely now. waving in the wind. We had two very windy days yesterday & day before. Then I did not wish you here. Today I would like to have you with us. You seem to be getting along finely with your planting &c as well as housecleaning. We are glad you are so sensible as not to do too much of the latter. Our early potatoes are in blossom & a little rain which is greatly needed would soon fit them for the table. It is cloudy today & we hope for rain. Our little patch of Timothy & Clover have come up nicely but the chickens go for the clover. The rabbits are letting ours beans alone now and we have some, filling out. When they come, I shall ache to send you some. But I hope you will get some such treats from Mica or at least as soon as they come to Kansas

Have you observed Jupiter as an evening star? It is in the East a little South of East, and is very beautiful in the early evening. Mars is too high up now to be seen from the window, but Jupiter is just right. It has been said that there are canals enriching Mars 60 miles in width. Have you read about them? We are making a calico mother Hubbard for Mary. She says my turn will come next. Will send you a bit to see. This has been a lovely day. most is warm at noon with fire, but just right now as the evening setting dinner begins. Do you find a fire comfortable most of the time. We are so glad you are gaining - shall want to hear often. You must take extra good care not to overdo or take cold. When are you expecting cousin Jim? Has cousin Mary M. made you that promised visit yet? With May & Lizzie

could accompany her - Their brightness would do you good. How old is Alice? How much older than Lizzie? We are very glad she is so careful and tender of you. John is leading up the horse - he goes to town

Dear Sue & Jim
We left Ayr at 10
and arrived at Mum's
about the
same time
as your
letter
came
Thank
you
very
much
for
it.

Good evening, Sister Anna
How do you do tonight? We
have been having rather a rainy
day, just a little drizzle this
forenoon. It cleared up
pretty well this afternoon
but has been muddy, so we
did not wash. When we
came home from town on
Friday we found that Jennie
had got the washin (Mostly
done (had left it that week)
Saturday it rained but cleared
up about five P.M. So we shifted
them out and before bed time
they were nearly dry enough
so to be taken in. She did not
bother at all the time we

had two boys & she found
both one. So we will do a little
some day when it is pleasant.
John had to go to return the
borrowed weapon & get the
mended wheel on Saturday P.M.
Emma went with him. It
was raining a little when
they started but they went
and came very comfortably.
What do you think, we did
not have a single letter
on Friday or Saturday! Was
not that wonderful. Mrs
Head had four sons one of
one from Edward on Tuesday
P.E. does not write often. I
do not know how long it is
since he wrote last. His letters
are good when they do come.
He wrote that his school
on Lower Ave is to continue

a month or more after the Sem.
closes & that he thought he would
spend his vacation at home.
Has he written you about it?
We sent you some onions last
on Friday. Hope they have reached
Rumson by this time. Wonder if
Mrs. Sam will object to the
perfumery! I put up a pretty
good lot, so you could have
all you want. She has pure down
Mastary whiney, even if the best
place is not ready, so as to have
some early. I should think
that if some of the onions
that are growing in the cellar
were put in a box in the house
they would soon be good to
eat. Perhaps they are good
now, as good as those we
have found in the ground
Try them! Our love unto

are growing in the cellar
I saw Lady. I am in a great
hurry to put them out but
they have not showed the
ground yet. Those that I put
out doors by the fence where
I raked up a ~~bed~~ spot. The
lily plants are growing very
so fast, but we have not
begun to use them yet. I
picked a few leaves from a
gooseberry bush this P. M.,
with buds for flowers. Have them
in press for you. It is the
earliest bush that I have
found. Our Golden Sunset
tree is getting pretty green
the most so I think of any
in the orchard. How does
that Lily bulb from Emerson
Mary do? I dreamed one
night that I saw the Nemesbureau
Shread. Have you done anything

Monday Evening

My dear Anna

I am only going to write a very few lines, just to say I am home, for I am so very tired. This has been a sultry day, and the heavy showers do not cool it off one bit. It has rained very hard since I came home. I found everything all right. Father was sitting on the piazza watching the rain for he was not looking for me, though I need not say he was glad to see me, Sarah heard the rain stop from the back kitchen where she was washing and ran to see if it was me; she too was glad, though she said none of them looked for me till to-morrow. But I am glad I came. It was best so since you were better and could find

for Libbie who I hope is with you. Give her my love. I think a great deal of her and of Robbie too. I wish I could see them often, would like so much to have them visit me.

When this reaches you Edelbi will be gone I hope you will keep up a good heart and look on the bright side. for the darkest cloud is silver lined, The days and weeks and months go soon the years will quickly by. The time will soon come when he will be making a home for his Auntie, who have done so much for him we must spend all the odd moments in thinking and planning for your winter in the city. Have your heart in the study, where you can put things in as you come across them It is not to have the pestering a hard matter I met Mrs Walcott in Petrie, to day and told her of your proposed trip

in the city. and she said it would be just the thing - the change of surroundings as well as the change of getting out of the smoke and noise would be just what will do you good I am sure - for I would say there no use for the 1st of November will soon be here - I hope Esther may come pretty soon to fix up such clothes as need fixing. & that will be off your mind.

I just heard one of the Sycort girls come in below and ask if I had returned and how the cousin is. Sundays usually a great deal of company is better. Margaret has up this afternoon she had a pleasant visit in Utica - though it seemed just as if she did in Stuben - one feels tired & flat in the summer - it was so cold I have a nice letter from Sara, she is feeling very well. Nellie thinks he must have been in good company

and had the best of care he is now
in heaven. He had been to him,
and repented them all well.
Now I am going to say good night
may God bless you abundantly and
help you to trust Him more & more
as the days go by. He will fail he
shall bring us to be with him and
our loved ones, who having passed the goal
are enjoying the brightness where no
clouds or shadows ever appear.
Hoping you may sleep well tonight
Affectionately
Jennie

Osawatomie, Dec 10, 1880.

Dear Anna,

I have been troubled since writing to you last, that I did not caution you to keep still about Kibbie. He may not be ready to mention it to others - it might make the mothers anxious - any way it is his place to inform them. If you have kept still, all right, - if not - ditto - it may be as well - he told us we might tell you but till he could fully decide what he will do he wanted no others in the east to know.

We are very busy - John having had a hog killed for us yesterday - today they cut it up and dry salted most of it, we keeping out for sausage and head cheese - the head is in salt & water - I wish we had Miss Beecher's sausage & spice but will

use the Farmer Safe cook book. Last week John had a spring calf killed - we froze the meat and are keeping it - fresh packed in shelled corn - Harvey cut it - and Mary packed it - doing each piece up in newspaper. We are going to have baked spare rib for dinner - potatoes and mince pie. Will you join us. - We are having wonderfully fine weather for this season - almost spring like today - Last week we had some cold days. - Mary is writing to Jr. Eddie - I must try to put a few words together for Robbie and for Edward. John did not churn today so will be ready to start to town right after dinner. We want to hear again how you are getting on, and how all the cousins are and Uncle Hughes. Are you having pleasant ~~warm~~ warm weather? Have they snow in Steuben? I have begun a letter

to Willie but must leave it till next time. We were sorry to see the notice of the death of his cousin Johnny Williams - but cannot help thinking how he must enjoy his spiritual body so free from all he endured here.

Our apples are mostly in the orchard covered thickly with hay. We expect they will be brought into the cellar in a few days. We have waited for a way to pack them secure from the rats - We have only nine cats - So they will fight the rats -

J. E.

X

New Years evening 1856.

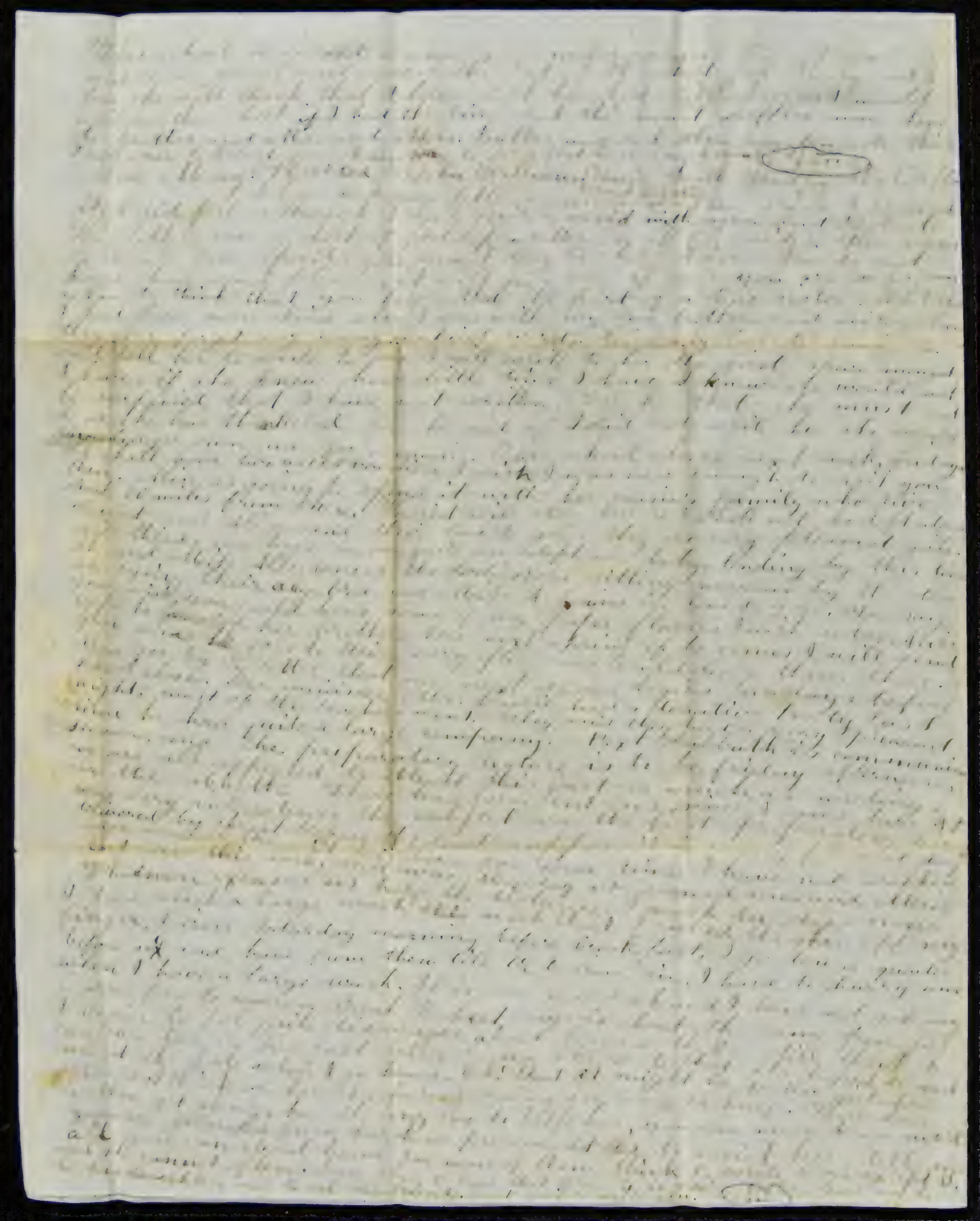
Dear Wife:

I received your letter almost four weeks ago, it was indeed a precious treat. I should have answered it sooner if my time had not so entirely occupied that it seemed impossible. It is a cheering thought to me, that you at least have not ceased to love me. I have not received a line from any one of my many brothers and sisters since you wrote. — But cease ungrateful heart cease your chidings for even now a knock is heard at the door, and a young lady enters bringing me two letters one from Dear Wife and the other from yourself and Mary. I am not worthy of so many blessings at once. Can I ever thank you enough for your faithfulness in writing. It would seem that nothing I could say or do would convey all your kindness to me. But as long as life and time last I will love me. But as many sisters still live for my image in the thought. — This first day of the year is a very pleasant day. It is quite cold but the air is very fine and invigorating. Still the day is a very lonely one. For I have no relatives present but a few with me. Our large family is not together as they were when I was a little child but it is not so with them all the time. There are children and it is not so with them all the time. There are children and it is not so with them all the time. There are children and

[illegible] separated as I am from my friends. Every
[illegible] is spent here to the sick.
[illegible] to this fatal accumulation when they may be
out of the mind of the Hill and it being near the room of Mr.
Hill who has been sick, as well as of the domestic work, they
are more easily attended to.— I believe I have told you all
the Tuesday evening meetings. Those who are professors meet in the
hall with Miss Whilman, who conducts the exercises; those
who are not professors meet with the other teachers in other
rooms. I met with all those in the middle and senior years
[illegible], Miss Scott had in the meeting. We
[illegible] scriptures relating to some particular
subject. The last two meetings, however Miss Scott has read
some hymn and made remarks instead of the usual exercises.
We had a very interesting time together this evening. Wednesday
afternoon — I was obliged to stop writing last night because
it was getting dark, just after tea today it was
[illegible] and as I shall write as much
[illegible] possible and now writing as fast as you please
when the clocks began to strike which was a signal for the lamps
to be. Our fire was not in a good condition to cover over but
soon the fender and hearth to bed, we had hardly laid our heads
down when the lamp bell struck; soon the fire commenced to blaze
and Kelly rose to cover it, while she was doing this who should come
in but Miss Peabody, one of the teachers, we were frightened as you may well know
but the affair being explained we soon recovered our usual frame of mind.
This morning I sat down to write, hoping to finish this in season for
the mail but just then Miss Scott sent for me to roll some sugar so
I had to leave this untill now. Dear Elizabeth you say that you are rocking

little John Henry as usual, must I say you will get him a bad habit, you know it is not well to rock children and a boy will not be quiet when they are left alone. I so wish I could see him sleeping in his pretty cradle, I can almost imagine how he looks, my own little nephew, kiss him for his aunt Jane. When I was in ... the death of Mrs. Colgrove broke I felt that I could not be thankful enough that it was not you but as long I hope the dear child will live to cheer the hearts of his friends and may I be permitted to relieve you of him. — I am very much ...

... my time. —



June Term 1?

Illion, Jan. 4, 1858.

Hudson, Feb 25, '56.

Sister Cynthia!

It is more than a week since I received your last letter, still it is unanswered. My only excuse for this apparent neglect is that I have occupied all my spare moments in sewing. I have been making a dress which I bought from Utica with me. It is now almost finished and as I feel that need a letter more than a dress it must wait while I write. Will you not answer this soon? I was very anxious to write that you might receive it before donation. Did you have a pleasant time and were there many present? I was very desirous to be with you and was even so foolish as to be a little homesick. Did Mary go home? When have you heard from Asher? Is he still improving? Do you know how John and Sarah are? If

seems to me by the account that there is great danger of war in the territory. What does father think of it? I wish they could be persuaded to come away from there for I do not think they are strong enough to endure such hardships as seem to threaten them.

Sometimes, when I think how far our brothers and sister are scattered, I fear that we may never meet on earth, but may we meet in heaven! Let us pray earnestly for this. I love to think of you in the morning and at noon gathered around the family altar until I almost hear father's prayer for the absent ones.

My health is very good and I enjoy myself pretty well. We have had some pretty severe weather but now it is quite warm. Yesterday it seemed quite like spring. The sun was very bright and in many places, we could see the grass springing up amid the snow banks. But today it has been snowing and these bright spots have been covered. Our sleighing is considerably injured by the thaws but I hope it will continue us yet.

Hudson, Oct. 3, 1855.

Sissie;

When a person is in great want he applies where he thinks to receive prompt attention. I therefore direct myself to you hoping that ere long I shall be satisfied. There is the tea bell so farewell for tonight.

Friday morn.— Yesterday I found no time to write. In the morning Mr. Hart, a brother of the gentleman with whom I board, took me around to see the place. I would much rather, just then, have remained and finished this letter, but I could not very well refuse his kind offer. I injoyed my walk very much. Hudson seems to be quite a large place though, owing to some difficulties in the College, its population has diminished very much within the last few years. The prospects of the College are brightening

and they hope soon to have a great number of students. The grounds and buildings of the College are very fine, better I think than those of Hamilton. The country about here seems very level, but when I speak of there being no hills I mean that there are hills enough only they are better upwards. The general surface of the country is upon the broad tops of these hills and the deep ravines divide their lofty sides. There seem to be no valleys, only deep, narrow passes between the hills. We have no springs. The farmers in order to water their cattle dig holes in the ground which become filled during the rainy season and retain the water during the whole year. This is owing to the character of the soil. It is mostly clay and after being wet hardens like stone. It would make excellent mortar. I will tell you more about the place after I have been here a little longer.

My school seems very pleasant. I have thirty

three or four families. One young lady who came in yesterday is a daughter of Rev. John D. Williams, Pittsburgh. She is a very pleasant girl, and as her father is my father's friend she seems quite like an old acquaintance. I find the people here very kind, and the society good. I hope I shall be happy. I pray that I may be sustained in the work I have undertaken. Never before did I feel such entire dependence upon God. In myself I seem to have no power, but through God I can do all things.

I must not write more, it is time that I should prepare for school. I have to call. Tell mother I am glad I came home before I came out here.

Jennie.

Seiler by th[illegible].

[illegible] wait
much longer for an answer than
I intended you should but if
[illegible] have [illegible] I
am much [illegible] glad date to write
that you never ought to be vexed
and I know not now what to
[illegible]
an excuse for what I have done,
"Less I said the quickest would"
is made it [illegible] with unwilling
wishes so I'll stop all attempts at
shadow making, Oh all things
dislike excuses, and beg pardon.

I am [illegible] the [illegible]
as [illegible] and [illegible] to be

thankful for having found kind friends. But it is hard work, my thoughts will wander and seek a resting place in the "homestead". Day and night visions of home troubles me and I long to begin school again that I may forget myself. Once again at work I shall be excited for this task is the pleasure of doing good. To this would be a task, nothing would tempt God more pleasant to labor with him; to do something for others. One thought, all engrossed my self, would notice every little vexation and brand even it till a mountain of affliction would dim our spirits.

It is snowing quite hard this morning and there is prospect of good sleighing tomorrow. I have not had a sleigh ride this season

and you must know that it is a general time of rejoicing here. We have had so much sunshine that you know little of our joy. There is very little snow here during the winter and when any does fall it is hailed with great delight. All the children that can be found are fond of snow balls and with many shouts and laughing eyes all unite to enjoy the fun. The Christy Hutchings at the post trains to day and we are all intending to go there tomorrow. It is about five miles from here. We go to day. I do not know what ministers they expect, but I shall see some celebrities.

You can hardly imagine, my sister, how good it seems to me to meet those who have our true faith. How very dear does it seem

tried friends. altho' the family are very kind to me, it seems that they are not able to do enough to make me comfortable. I wish pa could find time to write to them a few lines and thank them for their kindness. I know they prize his letters very highly: Bro Robert Everett is a very good boy and if he ever needs any correction it is sufficient to remind him that pa says he must. May he become a good and useful man. The family would all join in love were I to tell them I am writing home. Mr. W. has a very hard life of it. He does all the work on his farm of fifteen acres besides his duties in two churches. He receives some aid from the Home Missions else I do not know how they would live as the churches give him less than a hundred. — Shall I have a letter soon? Return to Hudson Monday — Fannie

Morning—Sept—was
just ½ late before
it-to bid Carl night.
I fear Davie was
sure the tired—Sarah
Should hint to his
bed before Eddie
was ready to go.
I think Davie
staid all night
(that's not-sure
I become to bed and
am sure writing
this morning
Dear Carl had just-as
turned from Bromville
He said he got his ride
this evening—he came on
over (this way) and
he asked him if he
wanted a cuff—or
[illegible] and he said
[illegible]

Lemon, July 15 1865

Dear Sis,

Davie reached here safely and he is now writing a letter home which I will send with this, we all are glad to see him especially as he comes fresh from you—for to tell you the truth we are getting to have quite a longing for a sight of you. It does seem that you are making an—well—unconsionably-long visit-down there and I have come to the conclusion that you are such a poor visitor that it-takes your friends a long time to get a little good out of you or else you are such an excellent one that the more they get the more they want—which is it?

I need not-tell you any thing about the draft-for you have doubtless heard what-dreadful times

times they are having in New York — We got no New York papers today & if father can spare yesterday's Tribune I will send it to you that you may read for yourself if you have not done so — take care of the paper and bring it home with you as father may want it when he comes to collect the news. We are somewhat anxious lest there should be a riot at Utica next week (if the draft is made then) and we wish very much you were home safe with us. When shall we look for you? I intend writing to Carrie Mary if she cannot come herself to let the little girls both come with you. Mother and all say that Fannie is so good & she gives scarcely any trouble and we shall be quite disappointed if she does not come up too. We shall try not to let Dare get home sick but — if you were only here there

there would be no need of trying. You would find employment for him home as soon as you can that's a good girl and if you dont get through your visit bring Annie or one of the girls to help you finish it up here. Remember I speak for myself and without authority here - we do not wish you to come home till you are ready - tho' we do wish you were ready now. We send in this P.O. that you may have enough to pay your board bills and to bring you home - if you want more get it of Uncle or of cousin Thos. Davis and we will send it to them. I think I shall like those gloves Davie brought - very well for driving - they do not seem quite strong enough for gardening - I think some old ones I have will do for that purpose. I put down some seeds today & those I did not

that failed to come before – hope
they will not be too late now.
Sue flowers on the geraniums open
today and I cut them to dry – they
are a very pretty pink color. I wish
I knew where our sweet william seed
is – I would like to put some down
for next year – I hope you will come
home before there we have none are
out of bloom. Yesterday Mary weeded
the strawberry beds that you set out
and also the cabbage bed it looks
nicely now only the old strawberry
bed has some of the wilderness look
yet – Mary thinks you had better if
you come home through Utica get a
pound of bicarbonate drops for father. Thos.
got him a lb. for 35 cts, I think. They are
most gone. – Some one knocks at the
door – it is Pierce – good night – Love from
all to all. Come home soon. Your sister
Jennie Everett.

Dear Sister,

Sarah has been writing to Eddie so I will try to write a little to you tho I am too tired to do justice to you — Eddie will have the best letter this time. I have not read what Sarah has written so I may tell the same news. — Anna and Mary have gone to the village in the new buggy — they are to bring home a bag of flour we baked the last flour we had in the house last Saturday and tonight, for tea, we had griddle cakes made entirely of Indian meal. Birdie sits the other side of the stand writing to Eddie, Cynthia, Frank and his papa. It does not take him long to write a letter but he keeps stopping me every one in a while to know if Eddie likes to have an O and a Ks in his letter &c. &c

The girls have just come and brought your good long letter. So adieu to writing while I read them.

I was too much wearied to write any more last night, and now I am afraid that this cannot go with the one Sarah has been writing. Richard Jones is here working and he is just going down to the P.O. for our gate — so Sarah will send by him last some untoward event should prevent our sending at all today.

Yesterday I was very, very busy all day at my case but today — now a little after 3 P.M., I have the cover matter all up except about half a stick, and I have no copy for that till Pa gets up — he is reading now. Jane is here this afternoon helping with the folding — our Church meeting is to be tomorrow night. We hope those who have staid away daytime, so long will be able to come and will come when we have evening meetings. The moon does not rise till after nine.

P.S. Saturday. I expected to have a paper next Tuesday and we are busy folding it.

o'clock this morning and that will be somewhat unfavorable for our meeting. We have had a wet week so far - but nice growing weather, only a little too cold - today there has been no rain but the clouds have not cleared away. Our hot-beds are improving a little but a good many of the flower seeds, do not come up - I believe I told you that Mrs. brought me three verbenas from Miss - one of them is blossomed and I'll try to remember to send you a little flower in this letter. - I went with father to Pomeroy Sunday had a nice ride going up and a wet one coming back - there were but few at church as it had been raining most all morning. Bro. James was there tho' looking pretty feeble, but quite like his old self - his family were all there, I think, and that was the only one. Mrs Samuel Williams was there but of the other families only the men folks came and not all of them. While we

to be laid at that time, which will create much excitement and eloquence, such as we have at 'Old Hamilton.'" — He was going to Waterville for the Sabbath — was well — had been having a pleasant time since he went back, and he sends his "kindest ~~regards~~ respects to all the family." — There, are you not obliged to me for reporting so much for your benefit? Have you seen any one in Lunin who interests you so much as he does? I shall want to have a full report of your visit with Eddie at Parson's rooms. I am quite a little curious to know what you think of him — he is thought so much of by Eddie, I do hope he will not leave and go to Europe. E. would miss him very much and it would be a great loss to the Church and community.

Bid, Cynthia dear, for one little word about your school. I always found it better in the end to have a school a little refractory at first — I could then have an opportunity to show what the scholars must not do — and I would be in no danger of thinking

them as well trained that I need give them no rules. Children are regular little wild wolves and the less they hide themselves under sheeps clothing the better for you. I do not believe much in the virtue of a whip except to drive horses - and I hope you will find no better use for it. Above all, do not worry if things do not go right, you can find pleasure in watching the improvement which certainly will come. As your pupils become acquainted with you, they will learn to love you - and so the rough places shall be made smooth. - I hope your health will be good - Anna and Mary intend going to see Dr. Landauer in a few days and they will get medicine for you - I cannot tell now when I shall go to see you - it would be very pleasant to go over some day in our new buggy but as you are gone I do not know as I could find company; when the cars go twice a day it will be better to go, if we must -

today, so will not find time to write much. glad as ever to read your dear letter. Sorry to hear you had been keeping in bed in the kitchen, she get up and what on that would be the cause by the looking glass and sure enough that it was, Sarah said she thought she had kicked me every night in the bed. The evening We called, We are sorry you have been so long without it but we hope you will get it safely now.

Jane Ann is here staying she did not come till Thursday night - Jane almost finished with my flock and white sheep sock - the suit will look very

were riding out I thought many times of you and wished you might share with me the pleasure I was enjoying— the trees were so beautiful and the grass so fresh and green; but I see by your letter you do not lack charming scenes or romantic views. How I wish I could wander with you in that beautiful gulf— can't you find some curious stones to send down with Eddie for the benefit of Mr. Jones when next he happens here? By the way, we had a letter from him Monday evening— the time for the Chemical Examination has been changed and he write to inform us of that lest we should go down and be disappointed. He thinks if we cannot go to both we had better by far attend the Commencement— exercises— he says "we are going to have an extraordinary good Commencement. The best Band in the U. S. is going to be here— Gilmore's band from Boston The corner stone of the new Library is going

Sister Cynthia, 1860

I've but a moment or two in which to write and as I have just written to Eddie I would wait another day but I got your little letter Saturday evening saying you are famishing for a letter so I send this of Tomas Roberts – we have had it several days but have kept it for pa to read. He has just read it and now I send it by Anna and Mary Alice who are going to the village for a bag of flour.

There was a very heavy shower yesterday as father and Mary were going to Penymynydd – they got very wet – had

to stop at Robt. James before going to church and father borrowed a dry shirt — his sleeves were very wet. They got home nicely without taking any cold — I am not feeling first-rate owing to having the ague in my face — otherwise we are all well and join in love to you and Eddie and send Kind Regards to all our Lewis Co. friends

Jennie

Home, up stairs on the floor
close by the stove, Thurs. eve.

Dear Sis,

You cant imagine how we miss you and Ettie — I would have joated after you before this only I've not felt quite well. We don't want you to be in any hurry about coming home — get all the good you can out of your visit — stay as long as you conveniently can — and have just just as much fun as possible. Sarah does not think she will go down next week but I think I shall if nothing hinders and I reckon a great deal on having you stay till I am ready to come home again. Still I would not have you stay one minute longer than is agreeable to you. Have you been to see Annie yet? I suppose not — or you would have mentioned it. — This is a very cold night — the coldest we have had since last winter and Sarah says she hopes they wont try to burn Utica up to night. Did hear or see anything of the fire?

Love to Ettie and Cousin Mary and all.

last-Saturday night-? - ~~I shall~~ It- is a pretty serious time in cities now, but- I hope these things wont- last- long.

Home dont- seem much as it- used to- there are so many boys here now- that it- hardly seems as tho' there were any girls about- and such a noise they keep up! you would hardly believe it- is the old quiet- parsonage that was. Baby thinks a great- deal of his papa and he speaks his name almost- as loud as Robbie does.

I have hardly looked at- those samples that you sent- Sarah and Anna think- well, so far I write- when Anna came to tell me Wm. James was down stairs so I went- to see him- he looks well- better than that photograph. I am going now with him to Robt Hughes- we will send those pieces for your bonnet- if I do not take them down myself. How much will I have to give [illegible]

Home, Saturday Evening.

Dear Sister Cynthia,

When we were unpacking the dishes this morning we found they had all come safely except the sugar bowl. That was broken in three pieces – the cover was not injured. I think there was not care enough taken in packing the bowl – there ought to have been no heavy dishes put on top of it. You recollect, any way I do, that I asked Mr. DuBois if he could pack them safely so that they would not break as we were going to carry them in the cars, "O, yes" he said, "we will put them in a box and pack them so that there will be no danger." If you feel pretty well perhaps you could call there and speak to Mr. DuBois, perhaps he will be willing to bear a part of the loss at least so that you could get us another bowl – do not

get any if he is not willing to do so - we will do without one at present. I would not have many words about it - any way. Mother says it is only half a dollar - not worth fretting about. So that if you dread very much going there - don't go. Mother and the girls like the dishes very much - especially the creamer and the sugar bowl if it was only whole. - If you can. I would like to have you get me a net something like Jennie's, only a little larger. Hers is rather small. If you have not got the moss already, could you not look at the little baskets, and see if you could get something pretty for the centre of my wreath. Jennie thinks she saw some, where they keep the moss. Do not trouble about these little things, if it is not convenient to get them. If you see any thing else at Myers that would be pretty in the wreath, some pretty green leaves, nuts, or something so. Please procure if not too costly. Those leaves you sent, are very pretty. Don't go any where but Myers for these things, unless you wish to. I don't want you to run all over the city, and tire yourself all out before you come home. - Sarah would like to have you get some cards for her suitable for large scholars - also look at question books and act your own pleasure about getting some. She thinks there are cards with little maps on them if you find any such please get some for her. I think I saw some pretty embossed cards, ten or so in a packe, at Davies' different from any she has ever had, but I do not remember much about them - Look at them and if you think best get them. If you do not feel like doing these errands now it will be as well to leave them till you go down next month. We sent $10 to you in a letter this morning uncle - hope you have got it. Emma thinks she will not need to have you get side rolls for her unless you have done so - she can make some. Mother thinks it is most too early to get cabbage plants &c for us - it will be better to get them when you go down next time. - They had a letter from John while I was in Utica - Sarah was no better - the Drs. had no hope for her. - We are all well. Hope cousin Mary will visit us again soon - Love from all Jennie

Get, if you can, two or three sheets of white cotton flannel, 40 in. wide

Double twist 10/-

At cousin Alick's, March 11.

Dear Cynthia,

Thank you ever and ever so much for your dear long letter, I didn't wish it was one bit shorter, nor even any easier to read, I had no trouble making it out, so don't be afraid to write just as much as you choose when I'm to be favored with the letter. — But to come to the point about what you and I are most interested — when shall I go home? — I should have written to you yesterday but I did not know what to say about it; now I have decided that unless you are anxious to have me come sooner I will not go till next Friday P.M. I am ready to go home and would go today only cousin Mary is quite poorly and I want to stay and see her

a little better, and then Harriet will be out of work Saturday. Monday she was about as usual, tho' not feeling very well, and Thomas started at noon for New York. In the afternoon she went with me over to the dentists and down to J.O. Wells store. It was very hard walking and we had a pretty tedious afternoon, taking it all together. Tea was on the table when we got home and before she finished her supper she was taken with a spasm - not a very severe one I believe, but the first she has had for over six years now and she was hoping she would never have any more. She was thus, poor child, disappointed and discouraged, besides being sick. She did not rest well last night nor the night before and she cannot sit up hardly any. She does not have any appetite. Tomorrow cousin Sarah has promised to go over and stay with her and I intend going up to uncle's. I have not been there yet. This morning Sarah came over to see Mary and I came

home with her and took dinner here. She is going down street with me this afternoon. Alick is gaining slowly all the time. he is just starting now for the market. Uncle was down a little time this morning. He has a hard cold now and is not feeling very well — yesterday it rained so that he did not come down. — How are you all at home — I am so glad Dr. Higgins has seen Anna and hope she will get better now. Cousin Mary wants me to come and make her a visit when the weather settles pleasant and warm. She says she'll not take ~~you~~ her around any but just keep her nice and quiet &c. By the way, Sis, as Mary is so poorly now, you had better put off your visit to her ~~a~~ two weeks or ~~two~~ so. Mary says it will be some time before she can go around again much and it will be so much pleasanter to have you come when she is well. Can you arrange it so? If there are any little things you wish me to get, let me know. I think I will

get through my reading this P. M. If it is such a bright pleasant day, I can get along fast. How are the roads up there? Can I get home from the village, if I once get there. If you think I had better stay down a little longer on that account let me know. I suppose the snow must be very soft here there is not much on the streets and carriages go much better than sleighs.

Good bye now, with much love from the cousins and your sister

Jennie.

P. S. Jennie wonders why Maggie and Eddie don't answer her letters. Have they forgotten her.

Mary expects Thomas Saturday evening.

Clemson March 18, 1895

Dear Cynthia,

We received your second good letter from New York last night — are so glad you are enjoying yourself and that you can be with May till she graduates — We hope May will not tax herself too much and that she will not get sick. Will she come home after that day — we all want to see her so much and you too — we shall look for you when the ten weeks are over — you do not say but we hope you will come then. Will you go by way to Charleston? If you can tell what day you will start please let us know. We are so thankful you are not on the sea now in all this storm — we have not had such a storm this winter before — and the snow is very deep — the roads were opened yesterday but they are all shut up again today — Tommy went on snow shoes to the village last night

Matthew thinks he will write you a letter soon — all in one envelope —

and intends doing the same tonight so as to go to the lodge — Sarah and I have hardly been at all since you left but Jimmy is very faithful.

That letter that I sent with $5; to Norfolk for you was returned last night and I've decided to send it as it is and put the rest of the coupon money $6 in this with little William's letter. — I do not know that I ever told you Anna made a little book and fastened those leaves, now, so that you sent at different times from Norfolk. The blossoms of the [illegible] book we put in one place as the leaf to wait for the leaves — but you cannot get them now unless you find some in Charleston. The book is a very pretty affair as I think you will say when you come home. — Thank Mary for that medicine for cold — Tittie did cough a good deal at night — he has got over it pretty well now and unless he gets worse he may not take the med. now.

Robbie Henry came home today for a little visit = he had a cold and could not come to see U.S. before he started

P.S. – Lest there should be some accident to this letter we have decided not to send the whole $10 – but will send $5: and will put the other $5. in a letter again in a few days.

Eddie is anxious I should tell you about mi knife that he got in Utica – I got one for Robbie the day before and a pocket-book and a pocket comb. E. and Robbie went with me to carry market and saw Uncle Henry there. He gave each of the boys $.5 cts. and E. concluded to buy a knife with his – he got one for 40 cts and has took leg. The next day after coming home he wanted to try his knife – pretty soon he cut his thumb, not very bad – Aunt Mat laughed at him and called it cut No 1. – it was no longer before he had a No 2 on one of his

and it was beginning more slowly — and he is content to let his knife rest in my working

fingers — that was deeper and hurt enough to make him put away his knife for a little — but after dinner he wanted it again — & said he had better wait a little, I was afraid he would cut him again. He laughed and said he wanted a No 3, — We let him take it and Sarah and I went up stairs for something. Pretty soon up came our little Eddie with his hand behind his back of him, aunt sarah, aunt sarah, he whispered, but I should hear and when she went to the door there he was with his poor little finger dropping blood quite fast — he didn't cry a bit, he was so afraid I should see it and laugh at him — and he didn't want Eliza to know but she should make game of him. Sarah could not help laughing in spite of all his trouble he looked so comical — but it is most well

but if it is hard for him to leave anything now we have enough to take us home – we shall [illegible] Mary in that. — We are so sorry has been sick – but if she was to be sick certainly home was the pleasantest place to be in. We hope she is quite well again now – when does she think of coming to New York? When do you think of coming to Worcester. If you get the way we came when I do so Ella – we shall be pretty sure to see Ella – we shall

Tuesday, 11th

Your good letter just received and read and oh, so welcome was the good news from home. We are having a very pleasant visit, but I do believe I'm a bit homesick for a sight of our dear old home and home friends and we had heard nothing from you except that little note with the medicine. I have not been feeling quite so well as usual since coming here and John Eddie has had the queerest looking face all covered with ridges as tho' he had had the small pox. It felt hot to the touch and he kept rubbing it – I think it made

[illegible]

more than usually uneasy night and Vicky - so Saturday we made a little bed for him in a little room close by the room where Anna and I sleep. He is very comfortable there and can disturb no one. His face too is getting better - today it looks quite natural in color now only the skin looks a little pitted - Elizabeth thinks it was caused by the heat. As soon as we got that little box of powders, we gave him a dose of Rhus. he seemed better for a little while but I let him go out and play with an other little boy up on the mountain near here and when he came in his face was much flushed and continued so all evening and we decided not to give him another dose of Rhus but to let the first dose work - he has been very well otherwise - and I hope by tomorrow his face will be quite well. He has gone riding with the Liggs down street

and this afternoon has been on the
mountain again with Johnny Hatty and Lizzie.
He seems to be enjoying himself - when Hatty
is in school and he gets lonely he goes out
and has a game of croquet. You ask whether
we had to pay any thing for him in coming
we did not - except in the sleeping car
which we took between Albany and Boston
- we went first into another car and
left him with our many and heavy
bundles, while Anna and I took a peep
into the sleeping car - there we engaged
two births for $3. extra, but when we
got there with our little boy and bun-
dles and started on our way the con-
ductor of the sleeping car came for our tickets - he asked if
we had no half ticked for our little boy
- I said no, he was too young - we had
not had to pay any thing for him -
he made us pay $3. for him and
$3. for our sleeping places. Anna and
I occupied the lower bed Eddie the upper

– Anna seems to have endured her journey very well – She went with Lizzie Jun Eddie and me up the mountain, Thursday – about 1/4 of a mile from here – the mountain or hill rather is not high but steep and from it we have a fine view of the city – She also went down street with Lizzie Friday and to church once yesterday – today she is pretty tired and a little lame. – Saturday Elizabeth went down street with me (it is about a mile down) and we bought J. Eddie a suite of clothes for $6 which look pretty for him we think – the pants just fit him now – we would have got them a little larger if we could – and we got 1/4 yd like them for 25 ct. for mending – we also got him a pair of shoes for $1.65 – Anna says lend that book to Mrs. Mitchel of course – she would write herself only she is tired today. – If pa can spare us something to help us get something to help fill our Christmas tree – it would be nice

Mrs. Butler will probably spend the winter here - they expected her before a great - extreme - Sept[illegible] and must - must make our visit to Dear Sister this time. We would feel long this time. If further could a little - two a little more money but of course we need not by any presents or anything else - and we could Lynchburg and so we could have some with what we have got - We are anxious to hear how Lewis Mary is after [illegible] to write to her, know how Ellick is safely home sister Ellick is safely home glad I am and how we write enjoying seeing him on his way home - E. J. says she wishes she could see [illegible] - I have written to Cousin [illegible] Blair's wife and to Lizzie Dr. Blair lived in W. [illegible] Dr. Blair's wife near from W.

ceived last evening, it was delayed somewhat on account of the bridges having been carried off in consequence of the great rain Thursday. We have had very pleasant weather so far, excepting that day - no rain at all upon our journey, some one night since coming but none of any amount during any day except last Thursday. Yesterday was pleasant and in the afternoon brother B., Elizabeth, Anna and I walked up the mountain - this is the second time we have been up - John Eddie came to us while we were on the top - he has been up several times - we had a very fine view of the

Monroe Street and I [illegible] both his houses and Mary Alice's were burned. It must have been a very terrible time. I'm glad for them all during that dreadful fire. How I wish I could see you all and have a good long talk. I am so sorry you were unwell about us but I hope you have had your second letter long before this. I should like to see the house but it would be too much trouble to go there now.

city. The Pres.'s new house is at the foot - it is not yet finished, so Elizabeth went with us over it. We enjoyed looking at its many conveniences and beauties, and imagining how pleasant it would be when the family moved in. Especially were we charmed with the fine views from the windows - near by stood the college buildings and the Theo. Sem. where brother B. teaches - there are 32 acres belonging to the college and 18 I believe to the Sem. The buildings are all very fine - the Sem. especially is very nicely finished - and when the grounds are laid out, one could not want a more beautiful situation for a school. Brother B has not yet bought a house but he is hoping to soon - there are several houses for sale near by at which he has been looking but the prices are a little high. Lewiston is quite a new city and growing rapidly so. Property rises quite fast in value.

There are at present about 20.000 inhabitants in Lewiston and Auburn which lies just over the river. Johnny took Anna and me out riding, last Tuesday and we went over to Auburn on a floating bridge — we had a delightful time — but I cannot tell you much about it but I fill my sheet before I've had half my say.

They are building a very fine residence just opposite here and John Eddie takes a great deal of pleasure going over there — the carpenters who work there board in the other part of this house — and he went first there with the little son of the people who live here. Mr. Norris, the man who puts in the windows and I dont what else — asked Eddie if he had an aunt Cynthia, and if his uncle Will used to take likenesses — his wife I think used to be in Saratoga when you and Sara were there. Do you remember her? He told

P.S. We have just received a letter from Mary Little with the $5. thanks for — I am so sorry you were worried about Eddie — he is quite well again — I wish Sarah Semmes would send me a list of mens clothing that we can get here. Tell her we would be glad to have her do so before we come home.

at their house before going home, and he showed him the house. He is very kind to Eddie and we [illegible] to call there some day.

I hardly know what to say about going home — sometime next week perhaps we had better go — we are enjoying ourselves very much and resting nicely — Anna keeps feeling well and she thinks the visit is doing her good. John Eddie says tell them we will go home in three months — I said, don't you want to see them before that, oh yes, he said, I want to go, and I want to stay — I dont know what to say. Elizabeth has given us Mr. Butler's European traveling suit — to make over for J. Eddie and something to make him an overcoat — we must take them home to make — also something for drawers — we made one which he has on and have nearly finished two others. He is a good boy but I'm afraid you'll have to wait for him to tell you about his visit — he does not find letter writing easy

thinks very extra good. I do not know what Sara herself thinks of it She had gone to Lunn by the park arrived. She went a week last Tuesday. Then she and the [illegible] and she will [illegible] with it [illegible] and the [illegible] with it that he and Eddie and Mat might [illegible] them, - He is headed to [illegible] by two without Sara - have none as yet to help us but expect Amelia home next week to stay till after we get the [illegible] out. We do not know when to expect our Sara home. Hope it will not be many weeks. I had a letter from her last Monday - She was well and enjoying herself. Mr. Miller [illegible] and I had a [illegible] there last Tuesday evening and Mr. [illegible] of Jamestown [illegible] the lecture, Mr. C. wishes to have a donation next week Friday evening at Griffith's Hall, Jamestown,

Lewis finished the table yesterday.
Henry T. Jones and his wife
have last evening in being this
well visit [illegible]
are going to Bellaire [illegible]
I trust the [illegible]
he had a very pleasant visit with them.
It is quite mild and pleasant [illegible]
we are having a few [illegible]
Mother and Emma have gone [illegible]
I don't know how [illegible]
but the roads are [illegible]
no farther than Lewis' [illegible]
not been out [illegible]
[illegible]
well, but was better yesterday and
today. We have had last week as
the first of this [illegible]
It with [illegible]
that I could scarcely skim it, and
could not skim it at all till I thawed
it - it was all curdled up. The cream

in the house that warped the floor was where the coal stove is, and one night the plants that were in the bow sl[illegible] froze. It is cold for us such cold weather does not continue long.

I wish you could get more settlers there if you find any pretty ones and it will not be too much of a trip on your time — if you can I will send money to pay for them but if you have not [illegible] to look for any I hope you will not. We are very glad you are not so much taxed this term.

We had letters today from Elizabeth and Hattie. Hattie [illegible] sick with [illegible] she did not [illegible] for seven weeks. [illegible] all when she wrote — the rest were well.

I got, as [illegible], on the Christmas tree a fan from Mr. Eddie, lace collar from [illegible], embroidered handkerchief from Jimmy, [illegible] from Anna and Sarah, a mat from Maggie.

Please write soon to sister Jennie Everett

home away from the temptations
of the city?

We are so sorry you have been
troubled about not getting letters
from home, but you will
have almost a mind to cry
hold on now as this is the third
I have written this week,

We had a splendid visit as Hallie
would say at Mrs. Jones' yesterday
and a splendid time on our
way there - if you suspect me
of caught on it be true I was
too getting ready to start from
home, you are right there - I
got ready first and put on
my new purple dress the same
as Emma was going to wear because
cause she said it was so warm
but after dressing I felt hardly
warm enough and I put on
my afghan - then it was a

drops hanging in the top of our carriage the rain had found its way through in three places, so we put our umbrella again, this time over our heads. - Well, we did not have long to wait, for as we sat us by the bars, we did not have to go down hill by the dear burning home was even more delightful than going, the sky was all lighted with such a beautiful color and the two tops fairly kindled in the light from over the clouds. Soon a bright rainbow appeared a beautiful and perfect arch just before us - Now you must imagine for yourselves the beauties of our surroundings.

Dr. Eddie waits to take this to the office so adieu - with much love to the rest, to know whether they had had safe, & bright

They seem like all
friends to us all
since the Colfax's
of the Miss Dawes'
here. It is improved.
Will at Jane's -
Will at Jane is about
as usual - She
after writing my
and I thought as there is [illegible]
of it. I had better write a
letter. We had a card from
Mate yesterday. The boys were
busy learning pieces to speak -
and so could not write. George
is with them nearly every night
and Mate had been visiting, and
having company a good deal and
so seemed to be getting along nicely.
They were quite well - but I suppose
you hear often than we from them.
We had a heap of letters yesterday
besides that from Mate -

Mary. She has had a very
sore back but that was almost
well - She rode nearly about

Sarah has been much too busy to see you since Christmas - and the furnished house of Mrs. Capt Jones - Johnny Thomas, Thought we could have a house when Sarah wished to ride for Coals or so a time and that would be better than taking ours, - Sarah feels the cold winds, in our house very quickly and she has taken some cold these last cold days, - We are not well supplied with wood and that made it worse for them, - Do you suppose if Sarah is able to go that it would be right for us to take that house of Mrs. Jones' and pay $12 a month Rent. I am almost afraid the great expense would make me poor and so hurt Sarah. I wish you would tell me what you think? Of course her life is worth more than that

[illegible] and if we [illegible] do better
I would wish to do all we can
for her She made out this morning
and fro today and felt that she
She seemed better than when she left
We had a letter from Hillsdale
Mrs. Hall has invited [illegible] to come
Wednesday of this week to come with
about her eyes. So thought she
would return home Saturday
She was obliged to go alone, for
child, and she dreaded it [illegible]
and Mr. Butler is quite comfortable
in Hillsdale - Mrs. Thompson ex-
pected to go home in a week or
ten days & would stay till after
Thanksgiving. Her health is much
better since seeing them - Wish
you could go to see them - could
you not when you reach Cleveland
If would not cost very much then
nor take you a very long time
Will you be passing my sister's

new Mexico? Johnny wrote to us lately. They like it much there and he said if John Eddie would come to school they would give him his tuition free. They were boarding and pleasantly situated but rather busy I should think by the number of classes each had. — Today I had a card from brother John. He was not very well — suffering from a cold it seems. — The wife of Griffith Sheldon, Principal died very suddenly of heart disease. She was buried today — I came to the village this afternoon to see about getting a base burner. There was one to be sold we heard at Mr. Evans, auction and I thought perhaps I might get it — but I found things were going pretty high and I did not stay. — Remember us very kindly to Rev. Mr. Davies and wife and

Home, June 21. 1866

Dear Brother,

I have left my work a little time to write a little to you that you may get it before coming home. Sarah and I were at Mr. Ames' yesterday afternoon at a little party made to welcome Will and his Mary home after their marriage. We had a very pleasant time indeed. The weather was delightful, the bride and groom charming, beautiful, the company bright and joyous, and the hospitality abundant. They were hoping Mr. and Mrs. Amable would be there but they was not able to go up as his mother is visiting them now. Mr and Mrs Rice - the new M.E. minister at the Corners - were there however, and we found them very agreeable persons - worthy successors of Mr. and Mrs. Flint. Jim Roberts and Owen and all their sisters were there - but I believe Mary has told in Cynthia's letter who were there. What I want to tell you is that we told them that we were expecting you

home next Saturday and we asked our Ames' friends and Willie's new brothers and sisters to come here next Monday evening in order to have a visit with you - we forgot to ask Pierce but will try to send him word - and we expect Lewis and Jane of course so you will have quite a company to see you and we hope you will be looking well - Cynthia too, we would like to have home too, to be companion to you - Our friends all asked if Cynthia would not be home too and we promised to write to ask her. Mary has done that and I here do the same - It would be so pleasant for her to come with you, but she knows best, of course.

Thank you, Eddie, for taking so much trouble with those samples - they are very pretty but are not any of them quite what I need - bring me a pretty calico dress - not very dark - 10 yds or so. - This is a very warm day and - well - I'm sleepy - We are very glad Mr. P. is not going to leave. Much love from

My Sister Jennie

1857

Dear Thomas

Dear Sister.

We were very glad
to get that little note from you
& it made our Christmas seem more
like it used to be when we
were all together & we will
always be glad to receive letters
& cards & any kind of notes while
that is as long as you are
away. You ought to be a little
thankful very much for teaching
you. Who you learning to read
also? You cannot write me a letter
of your reading, but I shall expect
to hear from you & I go home. When
the roses began to bud and you

home, perhaps to eat, you may expect us home. I want you to find a great many eggs before that, cause we don't have many here. Have you brought any in this spring? Then I went to walk the other day I saw crows here and I heard the cuckoo. What do you suppose it made me think of? It was over Eddie, and how she came to find a nest last summer. I saw a little bird on a tree near our window this morning. It was a dark bird with such a white breast. It did not sing any. Perhaps it was the bright, warm sun from its nest and thought it was spring, but when it came out

and found so much snow it frightened Sir Eddie. I was sorry for it I hope it did not freeze it little feet. Mary and I often talk about you all at home and try to make it seem a little as though we were not so far away. Do you sometimes think of us? I wonder how large you are. Do you suppose I shall know you when I go home? I do not [illegible] a little baby my last day. I know I cut it off after I came here. Mary says I look like a boy. And you think me a [illegible] to leave me so! Her hair is shorter than mine. — Do you learn a new verse every morning? If you do you will have quite a number to say in Sabbath school next summer. Try to be a

good by. Began to feel them on the
fainting away. Was much scared
a good deal as if I was could hear
them would have awoke. Did not
want to be seen the whole of the
other time. We left home for

Ithaca Wednesday P. M.

Dear Eddie,

We think now that we will not go home till Friday as we shall go to Cayuga if it is pleasant enough. This afternoon we met Annie at the Depot this morning and she want us to go with her home. Will you tell the girls not to expect us till they see us. Uncle is going to Boonville this afternoon and I send this with him. We rode home with him this noon and took dinner there. Have not been to Mary's yet. Uncle is coming back Saturday morning and cannot stop at Kenyon. If father wants to see him he must be at the depot Sat. Morning.

Jennie.

South Bend May 1st 1847

Dear Mary

I am sorry that you are not in my little room, to cheer me by my table sighing over a letter. Three long weeks have passed since I have heard one word from any of my brothers or sisters. This is the fourth letter I have written since you have blessed my lonely heart. I write to you every Tuesday evening and I should not wonder if you omit your almost every time when I expect a letter from me. When we formed our society for letter writing I thought it was wrong that we should receive one letter every week, if it is not so, tell me in your next so that I shall not again expect to hear from me when no letter is due to me. It seems as though I had no friends as I now feel that I have. It is all the time as though I was in the midst of strangers. There are so many here that it is impossible to get acquainted. Every week the letters we get are full. Mrs. Hill puts a message to all in our family. Next week is thanksgiving and many of the boys and my brothers are going home. We shall have a vacation of four days in the meantime. I do not expect to see it will be, but if you write me one letter, I will have the pleasure of seeing you and although it may be you will be waiting long, I imagine myself sadly surrounded by those I love. I have not had one letter from home since the 1st of March, which is nine weeks to write to Miss Thomas that she should have written me

... a young lady drownd herself in the mill-dam of this ... She was attending school at the Academy, ... the day and desired to be excused from school. Her friends hearing nothing from her for three days became alarmed and after much search her body was found in the dam. It is supposed that the blood rushing to her brain deranged her and she cast herself into the water without knowing what she did.

Yesterday and to day have been very rainy. I washed yesterday and my clothes are out in the rain. It is very gloomy here when it rains. Every thing seems to weep. There the clock strikes 10 and I must hasten or I shall be tardy in retiring good night.

Wednesday m...

This morning as I was sleeping in my quiet room dreaming of absent-friends I was startled by my room-mate coming into the room and exclaiming "Oh! you will be tardy." I expect the bell to ring every moment." I had hardly opened my eyes before I was on the floor. I am now in the middle class. I do not know whether I shall be so classed in the catalogue or not. I shall try to do my best to have it so. My time is so much taken up that I cannot stop to think, as I suppose you have thought while reading this almost senseless letter.

We walk a mile every day when it does not rain. It seems a long way and I am pretty tired by the time I have walked a mile and back. When I get home I shall be such a walker that I shall think nothing of walking to the village and back before breakfast, or to Utica between breakfast and dinner. Has father got a new span of horses yet? If he has not, tell him I think it would be cheaper for him to send his children here to school and he would soon have no need of any. We have very beautiful sunsets here. The sun sinks in all its golden grandure behind Mt. Tom's lofty head. I must close or this will be too late for the

mail. Dont fail to write when it is your turn. I shall think Sarah is very much ... if you do not write soon, please to go to the village & meet me as I shall probably be there. If you have moved I wish you would send your postoffice address so that I may no longer write in vain. When have you heard from Elizabeth? How is she? How does ... prosper? Does mother have any help? How is father and mothers health now? How long does Mary think of staying with Elizabeth? Is Edwin at home now? Does Sarah sit up any? I have two extra lessons to learn which make me more in haste than usual so you must excuse it. I ... of this letter. I enjoy myself pretty well. My health is very good. Love to father and mother and all brothers and sisters. If you have a sister in Mt Holyoke dont fail to write.

P.S. Remember I am not three hundred miles from home and you need not pay more than five cents on a letter. I received ... from Mary on which you had paid ten. Dont forget to direct ... Everett. South Hadley. Mass.

Mr. Henry I. Everett.

Camden.

Oneida Co.

N. Y.

Tecumseh

Apr. 14/10

Dear John E.

We received your card telling us a week ago, and also one from Annie Saturday & yesterday letters were welcomed. I did wish I was well, & could come to see you & Mrs. Pierce, don't you think so? We are glad that you are getting along so nicely in school. Sol closed last Friday exercises in the eve. Carroll & Charlie were about sick with hard colds & they did not go although Carroll had learned a piece, he recognized it for you, I ask him if he dreaded to speak his piece, he said no, but his knees shook

when on the stage
Jimmie." Mrs Brown teaches the
upper school Carrie for the
latter, Mr. Brown is liked very
much. The schools about, have
been taken at the time we
left your letter, Friday and
Saturday seem like winter
snowing and blowing, Jimmie
and Grads are very sad.
The boys have Drill. Drum three
days several times a week
a little sugar Saturday and
was very anxious it should
be all to the Curtis & J. C.
for them to have a Jubilee
made sugar that they made
I think they will make quite
farmers, Charlie will go to school
next term if he lives, he said
this morning he did not want
to go till he could read Willie
he can read quite well in
the first Reader. it will

seem lonely for him to go for
Mother is in the kitchen ironing
the boys are busy and I am
in the sitting room writing
I hope I can change with
mother before long, Our
Ferns plants are so much
taller. I have some slips
started. Ona sent me some
beautiful leaves and flowers
of her plants I did not know
they could have such nice
plants there. I must have put
some to[illegible] in the [illegible] for
one has died in water the roots
quite well I think out door air
seems to agree with him
in fact keeps quite smart.
He says if he lives he will expect
to visit here again. Ed seems
quite anxious to get away but
would want to leave one yet
I feel sad also to go so far

Will write a letter every time I come to the city.

get about 4 eggs every day. What do you all do with your fresh eggs? Do you expect to stay in the city all summer? I think Susan had better come to the country and get well. I wish it were nearby every day and would be glad of her company. I think fresh air is the best medicine I take. I think you are done grand in writing so nice. Hope you will continue to do as well in the future. Please give our best love to all the Aunties and do yourself.

From Aunt Mary

letters and we thank you for them
so particularly about your doings and
your plans. I hope you will pardon
not answering sooner. It was because
I was very busy, as I left this
morning, just having returned.

Now about your plan! I do not know
that we can judge very well, but if
you wish to try, after looking around
and meeting, inquiries, yet we do
not wish to oppose you. Is it wise
that now, you are old enough now
to choose and judge for yourself, and
we are quite willing you should take it
if you think best. We are very glad to
have you consult us; and we like

to have you tell us all about your plans and wishes. It helps you more to us and does us all good. Of course, you may not succeed in all your undertakings, but by trying there is always a better chance than if nothing is attempted. We do not know what it will bring to have a profession but can tell that when it is, it will be something to be proud of, and perhaps in your thoughts and perhaps in my own, stand more for you. We wish for your good. Might be with you in all your work.

How about your work? Do you like it in your studio? Shall at least "I hope you stay, like after it. print" and perhaps the others may not need to paint that. I [illegible] you may [illegible] you

Scott - the home [illegible] the [illegible]
before [illegible] in Ann's [illegible].

Did [illegible] tell you about [illegible]
[illegible] hunt. He was stepping in
the woods and a tree fell upon him
cracking his right [illegible] in [illegible]
and thereby [illegible] him. He
is getting better, I suppose, as fast as
he can be expected - he does [illegible]
of pain in his back these last
days - It was a week last Friday that he
was injured. Frank Howe was driving
wood for him to the house - and he was
on his way back at the time.

There was to have been $5 more to
complete your life membership with the
Visiting Society. I promised Mr. Thomas to
have an order on the this year ending
April 1, 18[illegible], to make the $5. If you can
[illegible] will [illegible] an order payable to Mr.
Thomas for the amt. of books to which
for the [illegible] as life members. I will just

Stillman May 5, 1886.

My dear Stephen,

Your letter was wonderful cheering to us - it seemed to bring a flood of light into our home. We feel lonely and sad at times and pretty tired taking care of ourselves indoors and out: We shall be very glad to have you home, but we do not wish you to come till you are quite ready. We shall think of you a great deal during the examinations and trust you may not find them very hard. What you say about the telephone interests us very much and we hope you will succeed in making them. I have never seen either and I think I never heard a telephone before - I do not understand much about it and I shall

be very glad to know if you when you come home.

We have a good many things with which we hope you may help us when you come home. Griffith Jones did not send word as we expected - to this day he has not been here to work with you when you come. If you should think best to send some he could help you and then you could help him in something else. We would like to give you a chance to earn something but we want you not to feel that you must work all the time, for you will need rest and recreation too. We are sending now to Owen Griffiths to try to have him bring us a cord or two span of wood. We are nearly out and our coal is also most gone. We have to keep two fires in the sitting room to keep fire night so that Sarah can have a warm stone when she gets

chilly about 3 or 4 p.m. It is quite cold this week - the first part of last week it was warm. Last Thursday Anna and I began to clean the pantry, but we had so many in the afternoon so that we could not finish it the next day. It was windy and cold and the doors were open a good deal Sarah took some cold and increased her cough. She has very hard spells which makes her sweat - and after a little she feels chilly. This has put her back and weakened her, we hope she is some better today. What does Jo and Mary think about coming home this summer! So she likely to find the time? How will she get along without Jo! We did mean to send to Sonora this week, but as we ought to have a P.O.O. I will leave it till I go to the village. I expect to send this with Two or Three Tickets. He is waiting Father he came in to see Sarah and find

me
writing to you, sends his love. You
friends here often inquire when you
are coming home and I guess they
will give you a warm welcome.

Have you heard about Maggie's accident
last Friday, she and her mother, Dora and the
girl went to go to the village. The man was
busy in the office and they four women
folks undertook to harness and then they
all got into the buggy to ride to the house.
After getting on they found they had put
the tongue the harness and there was but one
line. so the horse started they pulled
on that line, he turned - they kept pulling
hoping to stop him, but he only turned
the more - finally pulled out the other
one then - so the buggy tipped over - Maggie
fell on her thigh - she had blood on her
leg - the others were not hurt. I went to see
Maggie this p.m. She had been sitting up
She tried of course step on that foot but
she does not have much pain in the

Mr. John Edw Everett

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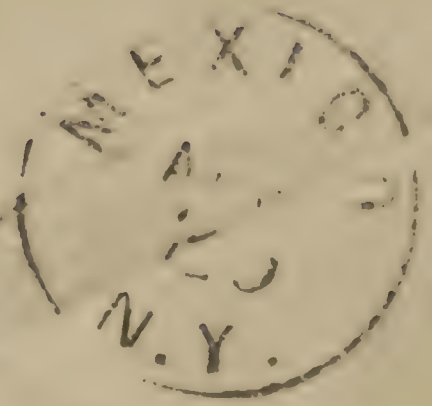
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why Annie does not write too. Her hand pains her all the time and writing makes it worse, so when I am pretty faithful she is content, but when I say I, she feels in duty bound to do the best by way of writing herself. Last week she wrote to Libbie and to cousin Mary and it almost made her sick. She does not feel quite so well as usual this week as she has a hard cold since Monday. I too am suffering from cold with quite a cough, and baby is sick, and last night the other boys began to complain of colds - I think it is an epidemic cold. The weather was very bad for colds last week - it has been warmer and very pleasant this week

till yesterday when we had some snow and rain - so also today. The flakes were large and soon melted. We hope baby will be getting better soon. Dr. Millard came to see him night before last and yesterday morning. He does not seem quite so bright today as yesterday. Dr. gave him homeopathic medicine - aconite and bry. alternately first - and sponged the second time. Dr. thought there was some inflamation of the lungs, but nothing alarming - and as he was better when he was here yesterday morning he did not ~~think~~ come again, but - today we have felt almost afraid we must send for him.

Hope you will be careful and take no cold. Dr Johnson told Edward that there is a disease called pink eye quite prevelent this Spring - same as roses have - and it begins with a hard cold. Have you heard of any cases? Do not try to leave off your wrappers yet - it will be safer for you to wear them till the weather settles.

Clara and Rain came Monday. Anna and I called that evening and so had

a visit with them both that Tuesday. Pierce came here to tea and so we had quite a visit
took Blair to his home. Clara is in school
and has the same studies as Lovell and
Dwight. They begin history this term. Robbie
has got well and we have had a letter
from him. He wants to fence off the
lower meadow again from the pasture, if we will supply
fencing - he says there are some rails
but not enough. He suggests wire with
a board on top. What do you think? I
have not answered his letter yet because
my cold made me feel most too poorly to
think or plan much what to do. You
know we will not need inside fences
much if we do not keep stock as we
probably would not if we keep the place our-
selves after this year. I have been thinking
if have new fences they ought to be on the
outside between our place and Thos. Wams'
perhaps to begin. Edward thinks we had
write to ask Robbie how much such a fence
as he proposes will probably cost, and then

we can better decide. Robbie expects to milk eleven cows this coming Summer. I do not know whether he will put the manure all on our place or not.

How do you get along with ringing the bell? Have you had your watch from the watchmaker and what did you pay for repairing? Mina is just as it was - I have had no chance to have it attended to. - We hardly know what to say about your plan for moneymaking over vacation - it seems that we shall need you pretty near as even when you get all done about the house &c - but we will think and perhaps someway may open them. We had a letter from cousin Mary Caley - uncle is more feeble than usual. Mary repeats her invitation to us to make her a visit. We would like to see uncle but cannot go now while baby is sick - even if we were over our own colds. - Our last letter from New York came Saturday. Mary had found a place with a widow lady which seemed to suit her. It was on the second floor - she did not mention where - said "direct

Remsen, Sept-22, 1882-

My dear Nephew,

I wrote you a hasty card yesterday which ought to be followed by a letter. I was going to ask your father if he knows the places marking the bounderies of our farm. Have there been any changes in the position of the out-side fences since he can remember? John Williams got a man from Prospect to come and survey Hugh Jones' ~~Lot~~ farm. He got Fremont to show him what now belongs to the Baptists and then took a fence down there for a starting place: called the dividing line & runs the eastern boundary and

measuring from that line west to our place he found he must come a rod or more into our orchard to get the desired width, while at the south end it was too wide tho' not so much too wide as the north part was too ~~wide~~ narrow and so he drove his stakes - one in our orchard and one the other side of the fence at the bottom in his meadow. What would you do about it - if he tries to make us remove the fence? Our deed gives the corners and directions - it says - "at a stone 17 links east of a white oak tree" ~~(which has been cut)~~ begins then along a line I marked trees to a beech wood stump &c - These marks may not be left to this time - but the fences probably

are along the line. Ask your father if after so long a time, the land inside of the fences is not really ours? I wish you understood surveying and law. Indeed we ought all to know enough to tell what is right in such simple matters. I think you may get this letter in time to speak about it also to your uncle Edward when he visits you. Mate had a card the other day telling her to write next to Emporia as he would go there first and to Osawatomie afterwards. I hope you will have a very pleasant visit with him, and that you will write us a long letter about it. What do you think about next winter? Where would you like to attend school?

I think we shall be very lonely here when Mate and the boy, leave. What would you think of our hiring a man or a boy for a month to make things snug here for the winter? We think perhaps we had better have the house banked and sodded all around to keep it warm without having to bank it every fall. What do you think? Would it not be a good plan also to have our fruit of the outside fences all looked to and put in prime order? Perhaps Robbie would help. I think we may have made a mistake in not spending something on the fences and keeping them looking nicely. It would be so much prettier to have the same fences for fruit all good - by the road and all

stay home all winter
and should not really
like to see any more
while I was there -
while we should do
that we should come
Dear Nephew
Home, Nov. 10, 1882.

I will be
glad to get my letter from her
this time. We came yesterday
it was a beautiful warm day
and we were afraid we might
not have so favorable a day
again. George brought us
and he drove slowly and very
carefully - We came in Mr.
Prichard's buggy as far as J. R. G's
where we stopped and rested 1 50
20 minutes and came the rest
of the way in Mr. G's pleasure
A. stood the ride better than
we had dared to hope - just
before we started Caroline came
to see us - then Rev E. Davies
and wife and Libbie (Morris) Roberts

and in a few minutes more Libbie, Mary Ann and little Lewis drove to the door with our horse and buggy = They turned around without coming in and brought Cordine back with them - As Father had offered to come and stay with us a few days, Cordine wished them to tell her and to request her to bring Frankie.

Libbie had a good fire in the sitting room for us and the house was comfortably warm - Father and Frankie came soon after tea and they are with us now. This morning Father walked down to the village to get the mail and she brought your letter and two from May. We were very glad that you sent a message to Frankie. Try and not forget her when you write again. They are going to send

you her likeness taken a few weeks ago, and Frankie says that when they see that they will know something about her father's little girl. She is just as bright as ever and keeps us all from feeling lonely. Just now she is busy with her dolly. I wish your father could see her. Father intends to remain at home this winter and Louisa also. Carrie is not very well, she is taking treatment of Dr. James and has been staying at her aunt Mary's in Utica a short time. They expected her home today. Mrs. J. R. G. is some better tho' still quite feeble. She came to see us twice while we were at Glyn. Katy will hardly come home this winter. She likes the west. Wheldon is in Dakota. He has taken a claim also bought more land from the

rail road so that he will have a very large farm I think 600 acres. – His wife's father died since Wheldon left – She and the children are with her mother,

We thank you for writing about the Literary Society We are very glad that it gives you such a good chance to keep up your practice &c. Tho' you may not be ready for college quite so soon as we planned we trust this year will not be lost. We are very glad to have you with your father now he is poorly. We hope his shoulder will be better when the weather settles. We shall get along. One of the Perry girls is coming Monday to help us. She will stay awhile perhaps till we get ready to go. We must attend to a good many things preparatory to leaving while we wait for Anna to regain her strength – As we do not mean to

Mr. Davies borrowed our
typewriting machine last
week & has not returned
it = we meant to call
for it - as he has no
horse - indeed & did
call once but he was
not in = I again this
morning & the
machine is not here
to write to you now for some days. But
have been hindered. Last Tuesday
Mr. P. Glyn came here and we let
the place to him, in words, for one
year. They have let their former
and the man takes possession
Jan. 1. - so they will come here
at that time. It has been stormy
almost constantly since I came from
Turin, Thanksgiving day - so that
I have not been to the village at all
since, or indeed anywhere else except
once a twice to Robbie's for milk. We
have no regularity at all about getting
the mail - our last chance was Tuesday
night = It seems very lonely here and
were we not so busy we would be quite

discouraged. There has not been so much snow for many years as we have now - I kept the path shoveled from the door to the shed till within the last two a three days. I had to give it up and go round to the further door - the snow is almost to the top of the shed door opposite our back door now since I have stopped shoveling it away. We push our way into the other - sliding the door and get wood and coal as we need - We have seven hens in the chickery and I manage to feed them twice a day. We kept them thinking Edward would take them when he went home but it was so stormy and bitter cold the day he went and he was so busy with the account & that he could not take them - Now we are at a loss what to do - I killed one and dressed it & sent it with E. in a trunk which I packed with apples &c for him. It was nice and fat - I don't think

I will try to keep hens again in a hurry, if once these are disposed of. — David Griffith came here yesterday. He came to the church and made fire — but it was too stormy, no one came to meeting — so he came down to D Price's and over here — I wrote postal cards to E. and M. and sent with him — We gave him one of J. E.'s photo's. — Was that right. He promised to come some day next week and help us some about getting ready for Mr. P's family. They want to occupy the sitting room and to put up a bed in the study — so we will have some moving to do. Wish it were not so far to Kansas — You would be very welcome here now! — We will leave undone what we possibly can — and try not to worry. A. has been quite poorly the past week with cold and sore throat but is getting better we hope, now. Mr. P wishes us to stay till they come &

more
that will give us two weeks to get ready.
Hope we shall have a letter from
you when we get the mail. Did you
get the coat &c we sent by express -
also the stockings I sent from Linn?
E. paid 60 cts for us - express charge to Chicago,
What did you have to pay for the rest of the way?
Have you got a coat to replace the one lost?
It will be better for you to have one, that you
may be comfortable without wearing that of
your best suit too much.

Sat. P.M. - Seth Jones came last night
and is helping us today - we have cleaned and
cleaned pretty well the dining & store rooms -
David Griffith is coming some day next week
to help - Seth goes to school and so cannot
come so easily - Robbie plowed out the lane
today - there is some snow falling again this
P.M. - we fear there will be another storm -
Had a letter from E. last night - also one from
All pretty well.
M. Were quite disappointed that there was
none from you. Do not, my dear boy, be so
negligent in writing to us. We need your letters

If Mr. & Mrs. J. come here, that may make a difference about our leaving here. My dear Mother, We received your card a few days ago, and your letter of Nov. 26th last night; - I think it is high time you had an answer to some of your questions. Edward has not yet returned, but is on his way homeward, we had a letter from him last night from Hillsdale, dated Nov. 29. He reached there at 3 P.M. that day and expected to start from there at the same time the next day, Says that Brother D. Hattie me both were had been at Chesterfield there one night with J. J. P. who used to live with us, - was going from there (Hillsdale) to Newburg, Ohio, where he expected to spend the Sabbath, and from there home, or at Reno by Monday or Tuesday eve. At week ago

Had some over coal - there — I do appreciate it. will coal to Wednesday and send that I have had enough to send a load & by card from Mate, saying that the children were all sick with cankered sore throat; and if we knew where E. was, she thought we had better send him a dispatch to come right home. We did not know where to send, so Jennie went up there (to Jerrin) and she staid till night before last; a little over a week. — Mate was taken sick with the same trouble Saturday — but they were all better before J. came home. Cousin Mary was here when Jennie went away — was here till Wednesday this week. — and Ellen Griffith has been staying here since then, so I have not been alone. I am gaining strength, but do not feel as strong as I did before I was sick — am able to help some about the house, though not a great deal. Maggie is teaching in Penn

The coal is over 4 hundred in weight I understand. So and mail

The coal is over 4 hours in reaching Phila and so not available if think
yesterday as Sure to
out of 10 or 12. Libbie's school in
Sixty commenced two or three
weeks ago. He and Libbie went to
Utica this morning with the sleigh
expecting to return tonight. Libbie's
father is still in the Asylum
at Utica, - is improving I think,
though slowly - her mother is not
very well, and May Ann has gone
to stay a few weeks with her. Did
we tell you that Robbie has a little
colored boy about 12 and 13 years old, -
Owen sent him from Wilmington - he
seems to be a nice little boy, and I
guess does very well for a chore
He is keeping house alone today - Lewis
Lewis is staying with his Grandma
Jane's mother is staying with her. now while
Maggie is teaching - Frank Cook is there
and I understood is hired there for
another year. Jane and her Mother
were here to tea, Thanksgiving day. Also

for me to write. so please excuse poor writing. Love & kisses darling & dear Father continues Richard & Ellen Davies. Mr. & Mrs. Price

and called here the same day – they thought they would have a chance to rent their farm, and wanted to know if we would let them come here for a year. I told them we would like to have them here – they had no time to talk much, but said they would come down again – they would like to have us have the stock and everything as it is – and they were going to do the same with their place, as this man is not like to take it. What do you think of the plan? would it be very bad? We think we would much prefer to have them here to strangers. We have not seen little Frankie since she was here staying, after we came home from Glyn – they were intending them to send her likeness down, and a letter too I think. She would be very much pleased to get a letter from you. Write to her soon.

Jim Creek, Feb. 23 [illegible]

Dear J. Eddie,

I have arranged a little book of reference for you with a list of the old debts in Wisconsin and Illinois. On the last two pages you will find the amount that is owing in each place, with the number of the delinquents in each place.

I have also taken from the mail book of 1876 some names of places in Wis. where the Gen. was taken at that time and the number subscribing. This may help you, some in deciding what places to visit and what route to take. The subs. in Illinois are very much scattered, only one or two in one place or one county. We do not expect you can see all those who are owing, as in some cases it may be too far out

of your agent can you judge what
want that if you go slow. When we
sent out Bills in 1877-78 there were
of those sent to persons in Chicago
two letters returned from the dead
Post Office. I will mark the name
in the Ill. Reference Book with
a cross, that you may not miss that
one. Cousin Hugh Jennie Eagles is
or was in Waukesha - you had the Zip and
address, this address as we have it
is on the cover of your little book
Mr. B. Evans and some others. I can
very often find them. I have
just been at Ivesdale, I think Lizzie H. H.
is with them. We are sending
a copy of the Covenant today to you
to Evanston. Wm B. Williams of
Sodyville has not yet sent his Addendum
to saying we thought that was all to
owed. We think he still owes $7 - but
cannot make out a written statement
now, as we have not all the books
here with us. We can do so after we

at home. I have given on the names of the agents as far as I could, and ministers in some places - but - they may have changed since we started from home.

Mary went down town for a walk right after dinner and came in just (4-3rd 4, 2nd) now with one of all the states, territories and Canadas - It is so crowded and small (each state I mean) that we decided it would be best to change for one each of Wisconsin and Illinois - so she and Anna have just started down again they take the elevated as it is but few blocks, and so will not be gone long. I am almost sick with my arm and that makes it harder for us to send to you as quick or often as we might. You must not be anxious about me - people all say I am looking so well. and I guess I am, only this rain is a new experience for me. I have taken cold - am a good deal better today than I was yesterday. Saturday was very bright

and I will, but a cold rain set in during the night - which continues still - with some flurries I know this hurts.

I am sorry we cannot advise you more about the route you had better follow. Edward was in Bangor and the Lacroaas also. There is a deal of dull in Bangor and in the letter we had from him this morning he advises you - if it will not be much out of your way. I have written to W. W. Thomas asking him to send you a P.O. order for $15. - Will that be enough? You ought to have a satchel to carry the books. I do not know how you had better do about your trunk. When you come to your first stopping place you can probably see your way clearer than we can now. The girls have taken the copy of the Memoir for you, to put in the General P.O. station E. is now on 4th av. 33rd St. I request Mr. Thomas to forward that box of books which we left at Newark depot by mistake to Dodgeville, Iowa Co. Wis. If you think best you can go to La C. & Bangor before you start Dodgeville

Howard & Anna

Henry Ruth's term closes next week Friday. He was here last Friday evening & brought a sermon to read to us. We hope he will make a useful and successful minister. We shall miss his calls when he leaves the city. Last Saturday he and his chum were going by rail to Coney Island. It was just a lovely day for them. Henry expects to locate somewhere near Lake George during his vacation and he hopes to be able to send for Azia to join him when her school closes. In Cleveland it is customary to appoint all the teachers yearly - so it is not certain (in any case, I believe) who will be reappointed next year. Azia now has a position in the same building with her sister.

We had a letter lately from Hillsdale - May sent it over to us while we were visiting at Cousin Charlie's. Britton & Hattie both are looking forward to a visit from you. They promise to take you around and we hope you will

have a good visit here without the heat. If it gets time for gardens in Steuben before we are ready to go home - we will try to get Mr. Richard get some one to make ours. Did I tell you that Tom Evans of Turin had bought our horse. We only asked him $80 and he paid that willingly. Mr. Richard has sold our garlic, rhubarb for all the promises to give us for the bulb all that it is worth. So our stock on the farm is six cows only.

We have not decided anything for ourselves for the future. It is very pleasant to be with Mary. Wish she was more pleasantly located, and we hope she will be yet. It is better here than when you were with her. She has her board nearby and her rooms cared for by Mrs. Jardine. Annie and I buy our own provisions and take our meals with them.

435 W 54th St, N. Y. April 30, 1866.

My dear Nephew,

We were very glad it is morning to receive your letter with the postscript that the bills &c had reached you. We hope you will have a pleasant and successful journey home. Wish we might have advised you more fully as to your best route &c but trust you will see your way more clearly after starting, and consulting with the ministers and friends. As the boy of books will probably bring you first to Dodgeville, Mary is writing to Rev. Mr. Phillips, the pastor there and you had better call upon him soon as convenient after you reach Dodgeville and perhaps call on the Methodist agents also - But you will have no difficulty, I hope, in finding friends.

Should you go to Milwaukee, see

Mrs James Bryan, 237 Michigan St:
We sent her six copies of the memoir
in Oct: 1880 and have had no returns.
If it is much out of your way, it
will not pay to go there, probably -
one might write.

I am sorry that we sent that
P.O. order since you seem not to
need it: It does not seem safe
for you to carry very much about
with you - If you do not want to use
what we have just sent you may send
it here to us. - I neglected to write to
Mrs Edward Davies till some day last
week - so I fear she will not have
time to make any bills out for
you to collect for him: But of course
if any wish to pay you something for
him you can take charge of it as
your uncle Edward did. I asked
Mr. Davies to put a word on the
cover of the May Enchantress about

your proposed journey - but my letter did not reach him in time. then sent a card requesting us to explain this to you. - I was almost sick all last week and put off writing day by day. I am better now but dinner has taken a hard cold. We had a cold rain one some (last) snow Sunday. It cleared off in the afternoon and it went with Mary to evening meeting. Today she went with me down to see Nellie & Thomas 13th St. and we fear she took cold both times (yesterday and today).

Mrs. Jardine and her niece are moving out the first of next month so we will have the flat all to ourselves for a time. Mary thinks she will keep it so next month so that we can visit together better. We shall be going back to Steuben probably early in June - if the weather grows warm enough. - We shall write to keep you advised more par-

Tuesday as to when we shall go, it can
can know ourselves.

I do not think we ever answered
your question about sending what copies
of the memoir are at home - we think
there are not more than a dozen or
two there - and if they are needed, we
shall probably have to send after we go home.
We shall be anxious to hear whether the box
reaches Dodgville in time - We had it directed
simply to you - and sent as freight - Probably
Edward has arranged about those that
are in Boston -
a will do so

Johny was here Saturday noon and
took lunch with us - In the afternoon
Annan and I went with him to the Park
and from there to his rooms in the
seminary - We also went with him to tea
and then came home in the elevated
(6th av.) It rained hard when we came
home - and we had some rain while
in the Park - but we did not get much wet.

Do you get the Advocate? If so you
probably noticed the death of Davies
the printer. He died last week - we
do not know the particulars.

Rev H. Davies called here this p.m. He
is not preaching now for the 16th St
church. They are without a pastor -
Rev Mr. Humphreys is to be married
soon - so we have been told.

We sent a letter Sat night to your father
and you - hope he will get it - if you do not
it will be lonely for him without you -
Hope his cold is - ere this - We shall
look for a letter from you soon -

Very much love - your aunt Everett.

a card promising a letter today. Your
real letter came by this yester-
day. We are very glad to hear from you
and trust you will not be discouraged
tho' you may not be quite so well
pleased in everything as you should
be anxious to hear again after you
have a little longer trial of the work.
Edward found his experience on his
first trip quite an advantage the
last summer. He wrote to us the
other day that we ought to see
about garden making before you
come home because he thinks
you cannot get through in time,

It will probably take six weeks or longer for you to do what you have to do — and we cannot tell how long you may wish to stop in Hillsdale and Derry. John Butler has gone to Harmon, Warren Co., N.Y. near Lake George to supply a church. He left here last week Friday — spent Wednesday and Thursday evening with us. We are lonely since he has left; but we are preparing to go too. Mr. Pritchard wrote a few days ago that the roads there are quite good — good as they were last fall and they had ploughed their garden. They had not done any other spring work yet but would as soon as they could get some one to plough for them. We will write to David Griffith to see if he will not make our garden for us. He did it last year and so will know something what we shall want. It is very pleasant here now only the dust as comes

into the back room some still. Mrs. Jardine and her niece have moved out - so that we have the whole flat. Jeanie Ellis is staying with us a few days - She had been taking care of a sick lady for seven months. Last Wednesday the lady was buried and after the funeral Anna came here and finding us with so much room, asked to stay and rest a little before she goes to another place. Mrs. Jardine left a little iron bed stead - Anna sleeps on that, Mary on the sofa, and Anna and I on the sofa bed. Mary thinks of leaving here but she will arrange for you when you come, tho' we will doubtless have gone home. We have not decided anything where we shall be after this summer - we must talk that over together when you come. Mary has been invited to take the chair of Anatomy next year - and if she accepts

she thinks, she will in a measure give up her practice and rest this Summer if possible she will come home for a long visit - during the summer. She can have a small room, 4th floor - with use of parlors in a nice house on 42nd St near 6th av. for $7.00 a month - and she is quite inclined to go there - Or, she may choose to go to Twombly's. Most likely she will stay here the rest of this month - Anna and I hope to go home next week or week after - If you should want to send P.O. orders they had better be made on Bangor so the advice of the letter - and you can send the orders to us here, and we can cash them when they come. Write to us here, of course, till we tell you differently - We are all feeling better now - my arm is not quite well, but it does not trouble me nearly so much as it did. Anna had something of malaria fever last week - but she is pretty well again. We have not been 'round this not quite strong yet. So much as we intended when we came - still we have enjoyed being with Mary - Hope you will have a pleasant visit at Oakdale and in Chicago. Let us know as often as you can when to

P. O. Box 207.

came yesterday - and very glad indeed was I to get it. We are quite amused with the items of your but I did not like the slang quite as well. Hope you will always need a dictionary to understand that! Castle term began here yesterday - Holden is a Freshman - His three studies for this coming term are Virgil - Arial - Book - Greek - grammar & Waylands Intellectual Philosophy If you were here you would be together in many of your studies When he was here before he was in the Scientific Department - and also I believe had some Biblical Studies - Excuse me if I get too many capitals, when I write one I find I often begin the next word with one also -

It is pleasant here - warmer than

it-has been - and tho' the snow does not leave rapidly, it surely is going - I can see quite a difference since I came.

Elaine is much pleased with your many mentions of her. She read the letter through herself & it would be worth while for you to write something to her and Anna has your music left - or can she inspire a few lines such as you wrote for Grantie? I know you must be busy now you have undertaken to write an essay - Wish you had begun to prepare for it sooner! But - "what can't be cured, must be endured" - let us hope the practice you get now will enable you another year to take the essay prize. I suppose you will not enter the list of those giving recitations for the prize - Perhaps you can just drop me a card now and then - I will not expect letters -

Brother B. asked me after reading in your letter that Mr. Avery's family is related to the Dwights whether his wife was formerly Miss Mary Dwight - Do you know - I think your uncle Butler would like to visit Clinton while you are there - and renew some of his old acquaintances - I would not call very often at Mr. Avery's, would you? Go sometimes to Mr. Cone's - You will find them - good friends and perhaps pave the way for us to make them and you a

visit sometime next term. I want to see you among your college friends — and there are many things you would greatly enjoy having to show me about the college — the chemical & philosophical apparatus — the geological &c collections, and above all the telescope I have never had the pleasure since I was a child to see through — and you know that in your college is justly famous.

Now you have told about you — & your bad boys — when you come home or when you write let the good boys furnish a few items for edification. What way do your classes take in their exercises while studying the Bible. You told me once — and as near as I can recall it, you have debates — but I cannot think just how. Hattie would be interested in knowing. She attends the young ladies college prayer meeting held Sabbath evening — from six to seven. They meet in the houses around and next Sunday they are to meet here. The leader at whose house they meet leads the meeting. Sometimes they have a special subject for prayer and remarks. Next time it is about some family living on this street who seem to take no interest whatever in religion. I did not quite understand whether they consider their own duties to such a family or simply make them a subject of prayer. When you have a subject how do you usually conduct your meeting? Last Sunday I stayed with Mrs. and let Bessie go to church. She came after me during the intermission —

on The Bright side of Things
last eve. Same a lecture
in their church and all went but the children
and I. The lecture was one of the regular course
so they all had season tickets except Lizzie
the ticket cost $5 for only one other lecture
was the charge so high usually single tickets
are .50 All were delighted with the lecture
this promises to tell me some of his
wonderful He kept them in fine spirits
and laughing much of the time but I have
to write my letters before 10 a.m. as they go
down there to get the eastern mail I understand it does not go out however till 3 p.m.
I have not been out of the house much
yet one day Elaine & I went to visit Elizabeth's
grave. We went on the canal and found
the road above here and opened much
more than half way to the corner. There
is another road running east of the College
buildings which is used instead of this
That makes very little passing here
You ought to see little Anna
She is such a sweet pet. Loving and
yet full of fun hardly able to keep
quiet a minute so that tho' all
laugh at her doings and sayings she
has no time to stop and be spoiled.
She cannot talk plain and I cannot
[illegible] her pretty laughable mistakes
as one with more acute ears might So you
must see her for yourself to love her as
we all do. Elaine has just finished a letter
to her aunt Anna perhaps you will be favored
next time. They get letters from there

Utica Sept 7, '84

Dear Nephew & all -

It seems that I must say a word to you - I long to know how you get along - Suppose Jr. takes only his satchel and sends the first week - that he can tell better what he needs and take his trunk the next week.

It is warm - today and Cousin M. is not quite so well - She also caught cold - was chilled yesterday too. Smart: She is very much better than when Mary was here. H. G. goes to the village in the morning suppose you send a line or two by him to save this one - i.e. if you ought - I have three pages yet - Griffith has Davis' printers returned, when shall I go home? Perhaps H. may get a girl tomorrow I will write in the morning - even if I go home in the forenoon I shall look for a letter from you - Hope you are having a good visit - but feel some anxious about - You -

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Remsen, Oct. 30. 1884.

My dear Nephew,

Another day has passed and still no letter from you! What is the matter? Yesterday we sent you a $5. P.O. order in Anna's name, - I had it made out so, as her name was not in full in the letter and I thought if it went astray it would be safer. We shall be glad to know that you get it. Yesterday I walked to the village in the morning and at evening I went as far as Caroline's again. It is very good walking cross lots but the roads are muddy. It is raining this a.m. - a soft warm rain. Anna pulled the beets yesterday and we brought them in. we have still a few small cabbages to bring in. We have the honor banked - George finished it yesterday. Theo. Davies had done it mostly when he was here. We have

not bought any young stock yet.

Yesterday Rebt. Hughes and wife took tea at Mr. P's and Jane was in here a short time. Politics is all the talk! Prohibitionists are strong in Putnam and make some considerable adding among the old Republicans. Oh, may God guide all aright so that we may not be cursed by ungodly rulers! Never before has it seemed so important for all true men to stand by their country and cast their vote on the side of right as now — never & ought to say since the days of the anti slavery struggle! — We are reading the sermons in the Christian Herald. Talmadge has some very stirring ones on the evils that threaten our land. While I cannot agree in his way to remove them, I do see that the evils exist and it will never do to give the Democrats the power to make the evil greater —

Have you written to your father yet? I am sorry you neglect writing often. It is not time lost to write letters, and I for one mean to do more of it! Mary writes that she has written to you. Are your college duties very taxing? When does your society meet? How did you succeed in your declamation? If I rightly remember you were appointed to speak. Wish you would keep us informed about your doings so that you may not seem so entirely cut off from our knowledge. I saw Letta yesterday and she says Jenny writes home every week. Jimmy Scoffield is expected home to vote. We have not seen Frankie for nearly three weeks — she is some better of her cough. Hope we may hear from you tonight. Yours &c. H. E.

Tremont, Dec. 13, '84.

My dear Nellie - We send you a hasty note this morning. You can only have time now for this. Cousin M. invited us and you to spend the vacation at her house but - we cannot get ready so soon - We will try to go with you - you go back - a little before term time so that you can visit - with us then. Perhaps you had better not stay long as you are coming home. Edward writes that the boys' school closes this week and Carroll means to make us a visit. Esther told me that she would let Hemking come next week if possible - it will be Georgie's last week of school - Let us know when you hear from Alice.

Love to all

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Hamilton College.

the village to get an order – for many needed things all but it I could [illegible] some [illegible] will take care [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I should almost expected you home to spend Thanksgiving but I suppose you thought it hardly worth while, as the term will close so soon. Do you have school the rest of this week? We were invited to a supper last night at Mrs. Pickard's. Went to church in the morning. Otherwise we had a very quiet day. How did you spend the day? When do you come home? and how long will you stay? Cousin H. has invited us to visit her next month, and wishes you to stop also on your way home to be there with us. I do not know as we can arrange to go as soon as that, perhaps we may go when you return to College. By the way

I think she feels a little hurt- because you have not been to see her at all since you entered C.C. Can you not call there the next time you are through Wick She is much interested in you and likes to have you call to see her. Jessie had a letter from Agnes yesterday a nice letter. We have not heard from your father for a long time - I hope he is not sick. Frances has not been here for two or three weeks, as the weather and roads have been too bad for her to go to school. I have been thinking it would be nice for you to get her a pretty silver thimble - No. 5 or 6. - if you do not think of something else

better. It would probably [illegible] 50 or 60 cents. Perhaps Cousin Ella as Karmie would [illegible] with you a fruit knife, would be nice to select it. Then [illegible] a little book too you could do so. This is only a suggestion - but do as you think best. Do you still keep up your reading at Mr. ?'s? What book are you reading now? Should you invite any young man to call there - with you, be careful that he is the right kind of a person -, as you would not like to introduce any one who is not just right. This is a hint I got from Cousin M.. so you may take it as from her. We are sending you a check for $25; I cannot - will go to

because all the hopin for letters is heavy
We would have written o[illegible] had it
not been for the storm! Wonder then
you have managed to go for your mail.
George went down Monday afternoon
took the horse at first as far as
the gate, then could get no further.
He did not come home till last
evening - He spaded the train from the
road Monday afternoon till midnight.
Yesterday they ran pretty nearly on
time - We have had a nice letter
from [illegible] father of which I will
either copy a little or send the letter for
you - I have copied most of it and sent
Sat: evening to Edward - and a part of
it to Mary, but we had to stop abruptly
as George started to the village. This
is a fine day and I propose going in

my Sunday shoes to the village = I had one walk = Thursday am another Friday pm last week, the last to Mr. Jones', Robin Hood made pleasant between times = I rode home from the village Friday with Bill Jones, Commins = He said Frankie and the rest were well = Annie Jones was in Rome visiting relatives there =

Rome, N.Y. Dec 2d, 1914.

Mr J.D. Starbuck

Anna sends a shorthand extract with aids for you to decifer = We must not wait for each other in writing = Sometimes we fail to get to or send to the office on account of the storms! We spoke to Mr. T the [illegible] evening about the farm = he would like to [illegible] with you = We have not arranged particulars = mean to have a written contract if we can make out = Can you suggest anything you would like in the arrangement = We would like to keep a cow and [illegible] all the milk we can make = also hens and have a place besides the garden for vegetables = We must straighten the side of the barn too and will have to [illegible] more than some summers = We would like to have those out-buildings on the west made a little more sightly = When will you be home? If we do not make out to visit cousin M. before long how would it do for you to run up and see us? = We are feeling the time long since we said good = Anna has quite a sore mouth and throat from a cold we think = She did not venture to go to church Sunday tho' all the rest went = They are putting down now in the other room = I send a P.O. order for $30 = Had you not better pay what you can spare of it towards your board? Then if at any other time you have to be slow in paying, they will be easy with you = Please

Remus, Jan. 10. '65.

Dear Brother Nisbet,

We have been strangely silent for the past week. Let us hear often from you. The money you sent has helped the wolf from the door. I paid a few bills, that day I was in the village, but have not been again. It has been stormy and bad walking. Sorge has late in the house with a boil but I did not know in time. Last Saturday evening, we had a letter from Mrs. Smith, Jones which I inclose - Anna thinks I had better answer it as you have so many. Her letter. He promises to pray for us he

can take a couple of loads of grain to the market - in a week or less - We also had a letter from Mr Pritchard, Bronville, saying he is coming to Kansas soon and will settle his note #116, and if he pays int. as he ought it amounts to $11. We are also looking every day for $1.44. due for advertising. So you see our prospects are looking fair - We had a letter last night from Mary - She is well and getting along comfortably - Has, and get drawing away on her singing - Her pupils, students, you know, Mary - and she has had the toothache. How are you getting on? Will you have enough till we see you in Mich - i.e. if we get there this week or next - It is slow work starting - Mr. & Mrs P. are

better tho' he does not go out
and she only to the shed. Georgie
keeps busy with the chores and the
office work so we cannot ask
him to help us. How are you getting
along without the things you left
home. Will it do for us to take
them? Father and Mama may come
to the States to the village for
J. Williams. We will get them together
and may have an unexpected
chance if you need them. Have
found the shield and will look
for the other book.

Anna is much better. She
is writing to Mary. We do not
know when he will go. Sept 2, a
pleasant day. He took in both the
church Sundays. Sept was rather
cold and windy and A. got very
tired but I think it did her
no harm. Rev. H. R. Williams passed

Bonnie says she leaves this to me to fill, but I can't let that day anything that will interest you. We have been very slow in sending you the Christian Herald but I have got one ready to send today — the one for Jan. 15th we have not finished reading. June got her [illegible] in church last Sunday — and Jennie said to me after we came home, "I am afraid somebody else is more faithful than me." We are not quite ready to leave home yet — probably can not go this week, hope to see you when we are in Utica. Did you get Dr Griffith's letter? They heard last week that the store in which he was engaged, was burned, so they are quite anxious to get to their home. Don't forget

home yet. And it is so cold, it does not look much as if we should get away this week. We are very comfortable here, and feel loth to leave when the weather continues so severe. I am most afraid we should take cold by making the change now - we have made such nests of ourselves and kept such warm fires. Still we hope to go to Utica soon, as we do not like to break our engagements, and we really think the change may be a good one for us. And then the

Sabbath with us, gives us additional encouragement to go. I have just written to Jennie Griffith, & although deferred until a little advanced hour I will send you a copy of my effusion - here it is:

Our friendship must dear,
Must true and sincere,
O pray, let not anything sever it;
Where'er you may be,
My dear Jennie G.,
Remember your friend, Anna Everett.

How will that do? Jennie has not written yet; but is thinking of it. Mr. George of Irene preached here yesterday morning - a very good sermon. Mr. Griffith, Hoyt is expected next Sabbath - it is to be communion Sabbath. Mr. Hughes has gone to Smithville

but—we understand that he is not—at all well there—. Evan Richard has another little boy—two boys and two girls now. We are having some more snow now, though not enough to interfere with good sleighing. It is blowing hard tonight—and seems to grow colder. Last week there was so little snow that we went across lots to John Williams one day—and took tea there. We have not had much company since you went away. Mr. & Mrs. P. are better but—he does not go out any yet—excepting one pleasant day last week—he went to the barn, but got a good deal chilled. Ed. takes the horse to the valley—most every morning, and comes home at noon to take care of

Cold weather has prevented us from having our usual walks - We have had plenty of fuel - all the bills - etc. have come - many thanks for the last - could get 'grams more cheaply - 3 pages - weeks - 3 pages - 6 days - 6 cents - 6 last - David is coming home - Shall we have Cyb. Lockwood home for Christmas? Do let us know - Shall we have him? Do let us know - Shall we have him? Do let us know - Shall we have him?

today - I received your letter of Sunday to Hillsdale - I was glad to hear from you - I was glad to hear from you - I was glad to hear from you

Hillsdale Mich. March 20, 1[illegible]

This is the [illegible]
we have had since [illegible]
Ther. 57° [illegible]
The sky is red clear and we have had no sight
of the sun today. About [illegible]
young girl who lived in the next house there
this slipped on the ice [illegible] sidewalk
while playing. At first it was thought the
injury was not serious only the ankle
sprained - but it never got well and
for about a year she was in the hospital on
Cleveland, O. Yesterday her body was brought
home and she is to be buried today. She
was 20 yrs. old - the baby and pet of a large family
This morning, Claire who sleeps with me,
and got up at our usual hour and on
coming down stairs found all quiet
and one shining and [illegible] & built
the fires and Claire begged to call her
uncle Hilden & Hattie - and as it was near
7 & let her rap on their door - College ex-
ercises are at 7-45 and I feared he might
be tardy - Then we went to dress, room

and found her dressing and little Annie
smiling and wide awake in bed – At
last Mr. Butler made an appearance –
after we had once more gone down stairs –
and we learned that Hattie and Holden had
watched with the corpse ~~that~~ and had left a
request not to be disturbed – of this we knew nothing
because they had arranged all this after we went to bed.
Claire had been so delighted to be the first up
that she danced about pretty lively and probably wakened
them at the time – They went to sleep or at least,
they are faithfully counting sheep, for all is still
in their rooms to this time –

I should not wonder if we have rain
soon – We had a little one day soon after I came
– but that is all with the exception two or three
days when a little snow fell – the other days have
been cloudless – I thought it had been cold, but
after getting a report of the weather about
home and mine I conclude it was a
mistake of mine – Have you had much
stormy weather? How is it now? Do you
keep free from colds? and is your health
good! How does your essay prosper? – Yesterday
day I received a card from Annie in
which she said she had a letter from
your father which you are to send to me.
That means did you that you would
be looking for a letter from me!

I did not mean to leave you out in the cold when I expected you to write, so often on account of your eyes -

I have been very well and had a nice visit. Now I am preparing to go home - Expect to start for Utica Tuesday of next week - I put it off till then so that you can all write once more if you wish to ask or suggest anything before I leave - They would like to have you here in the class with Holden and then perhaps study theology with him in New York and both graduate. Where John is about to graduate - but - I do not know what to say to them - A good many of John's books are here - Holden in that way does not have to buy many - Tuition tickets, as they call them, are only $50 a term - I will bring a catalogue - If you have time please send one of yours to Holden A. Putnam Box 209 Rochester

Fannie got me a R.T.R. ticket here for $8.51 - Yesterday I inquired at the depot here and they ask $13.75 for a ticket from here to Utica - I have been thinking some of getting a ticket only to Rochester and another to -

there — or four — Cleveland & Garfield perhaps I would not gain enough to make it pay because I have a bunk.

Anna is a very lively cheery child and makes me a good deal of amusement for she is very affectionate. She is my sleep mate — and also goes out walking with me and shows me the town. Yesterday was a beautiful day and she went with me to the P.O. office and the depot — and brought me back by way of Fayette and Hillsdale also — a very pretty walk. We passed the residence of the late college president and the new house that is building for the present president. Day before she went with me to the college museum — which has quite a good collection — but not arranged to make the best show. The room was cold there being no stove in it — and so was the library in the morning when I was in it — that is warmer afternoons however — their stated time for having it go —

A-H. H. Thomas

Renton, Jan 30, 1885

My dear Mother,

Enclosed Anna sends $2.50. We would send more but fear to be too short at home. Hope this will be enough for your need — What did you do with what Alex. gave you — Was the B.S. College [illegible] more than we knew — Have you united with the M. M. C. Ch? Will there be [illegible] and we must do all we can for it — It is a great comfort for me to know that you are

careful and do not spend
anything foolishly - We did not
know till we got your letter
that you had bought a dresser
What kind is it - Black Walnut?
Has it a true mirror? and how
many drawers has it? Where
do you keep your clothes? Have
you anything to put Mama's Chi
above holes of your trousers to keep
it up? I will save them When Evans
is home I send for Sc. It is better
for the coat and veg overcoat!
Shall I get one for you or will you
have them there?

Will you please write to Rev Mr

Mr Jones. We ought to have heard
from him with the money by
this time. If we could get it by
the time you read more it
would be such a comfort. I have
not heard a word from Pickard
Bottomville that is from Mrs Thomas
Reid us $6 the other day for hymn
Books and I expect
William Griffith, Hamilton died
about 3 a.m. yesterday - is to be
buried tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m.
He had been confined to the house
some time - like I did not know
when we were made pleased with
your finding that goat = It was better than
much cheaper by your letter - it was
more as good as have
write you - While of

Remsen, Feb. 3. 1885.

My Edward Stephen.

Yesterday the letter came from Rev. Timothy Jones with a P.O.O. for $37. I will inclose the letter that you may answer. Perhaps I had better keep the P.O.O. till I see how it is made payable - then if it is you shall I sign and get it cashed or would it be better to send it for you to make it payable to me?

This is a bright quiet morning - cold and clear - I think snow shoeing must be good. Anna is much better - she took cold Saturday which culminated in a severe pain in her right lung. We were frightened and did our best to get her nicely warm in bed - gave

a great many the 'ill
was exactly
I gave
ready to start.
Write soon

a comfortable time - Yesterday morning she had her breakfast in bed - but this morning she was up to the table - Last evening she was feeling small - better than she had all day - So she said some of the little ufs and drawers of the bureau by Mr. P's door and what do you think came to light among all the letters & papers, in the drawer but my Bank Book! I never expected to see it again. I am very thankful to our Good Father - I must write to the bank -

Sunday Rec. for R. S., Floyd preached from the words "I have fought the good fight" &c. It was stormy and only a very few were present - we had communion and our S. S. bore the elements through the church both sides - Mr. S. came from Floyd Saturday and up at D. Rice's - David brought him over in the morning to see Mr. P. and us. He told Anna that it had been a very long time since he had been preaching in our church before - In telling me about it Anna said - "I think the last time was at Cynthia's funeral" - We were very sorry so few were there. Heard I would from here - None from above D. P's - The roads were pretty bad -

Sat. We attended Wm. Griffith's funeral - there were

Teman Apr. 21, 1885.

My dear Nephew,

I intend going to the village in the morning to see Rev. Ed. Davies and write this to take to the mail. Anna says you promised to write home every week and when she told me she wondered whether you would be so faithful - I said, if we write, he will & think - So tho' I am tired I will not let this opportunity slip. Mr. Owen, the printer is sick with typhoid fever and Mr. Davies is troubled about the setting of the Centrador - so he asked David Price to see if I could help a little with it. I am therefore going to try if it does not rain in the morning. I meant to go tonight - but it got too late. It was such a bright fair day yesterday that I was tempted and did a large washing today I ironed - Anna began a little housecleaning today - She took over several boxes from our bedroom clothes press - and she said I wish John Eddie could be home a week and we would make quick work house-cleaning - But we must do the best we can - I enjoy feeding and caring for the hens, but it seems most too confining for them these warm days - I knocked off the board from above the door of the chicken today - there are slats across and that will give them more light and air

There is still a great deal of that snow drift- left- out- side and in their yard. I noticed today that the little pickets that belong on the lower edge of the roof are down - If we had only noticed it - when you were home - perhaps I can fix it - We are having very pleasant weather now and it seems very nice to see the snow go so quickly and the birds in every nook and corner picking up after the snow - John Williams has just been in - You remember when he came to collect for the Bible Society - I gave him five half dollars which you had got in exchange when you paid for your rubbers. The other half dollar I kept - and I sent it with Mr. Prichard to buy feed for our hens - It was plugged and he could not pass it - So he brought it home and I took it down to David Jones - He remembered you buying the rubbers of him and his giving you several half dollars in change out of a $5 bill - and he gave me good money in stead - because I said I had no other change in my purse besides what you had given me - You will please be careful ~~again~~ again when you have any money changed to look at what you take - I told John Williams and requested him to look at what I had given him - and he came to tell - to say they are all right -

Anna has been writing to Mary today - The letter is waiting for me to take in the morning - It seems lonely not to have George come and go and bring the mail - He is gone where he was before and I do not know when he is expected home - (Anna says tomorrow) Jane had a letter from Irvin Friday - Maggie keeps about the same - not gaining - Jane means to go to see her and Clara rode to inquire if she can - I think if she goes up on the cars - She was in church Sunday She was very sorry not to have heard you the Sunday before but she was sick abed so that neither she nor Clara could go - I have heard several speak of how well you did - I thanked Wm Thomas for what he had given you and said we had not expected so much - He said it was all right - That you did very well indeed - John D told Gwen you did splendid - She told me and she said she had seen him talking with you a little before - So she asked him if he had told you how well he liked your reading No, he said - I did not want to spoil him - we all are too apt to get proud! Gwen enjoyed the sermon very much but she did not feel quite sure whether you did right to give Satan too high praise when you spoke of him as omniscient - She believes he knows a great deal and is full of all mischief but does he know everything

Wednesday 8-15 a.m. — And this beautiful day — I am starting to the village and will see what I can do for Rev. E. Davies tho' I am not very hopeful —
I forgot to say anything about ordering the spring suit — It is growing warm so you will be feeling the need of it — We think you had better do as you deem best as to which cloth to choose — Mr. Williams will advise and help you select — we think he can tell better than we — Mary Evans charges $1. for making pants — Supposing you ask what difference it will make in the cost if you have the pants made by her —

Please write before the week is out — to your loving aunties
A & H L E —

Home. [illegible]

Dear L. E.

We received your letter last evening. We are always glad to get your letter, as you know, and hope you will not forget us each week. Have you written to your father yet since going to college? I hope you have. We are very glad of the encouragement you got from Mr. Howe, and sincerely hope you may do well with your declamation. What is your declamation - I mean what piece are you going to speak? Some plain old fashioned language. My dear boy, I trust and pray that your education may be

made a blessing to you, and to a great many others through you. How we told you that Fannie is helping Mrs. L. in writing the May number of the Temperance Literature? She has been going down town every day for about a week, and coming home at night: I am glad she enjoys the change, and I hope she will not feel any worse for it. The walking has been so bad that it has been rather hard for her to get back and forth, but it is better now — though not very dry yet. I went to the woods day before yesterday while she was gone, and brought home a tiny bunch of spring beauties — the first we have had this year. I enjoyed the walk, and the

flowers. Your money slips was
pretty fast, does it? Have
you paid anything on your
board bill this term? I
would like to know how that stands
I am sorry Dad's suit
don't fit you as well. Can you wear the
shoes or must I go & see them.
Will your green suit do to wear
for a while yet? If not send
it in this to day the last
that you speak of please
drop a card when you re-
ceive it. When Jennie first
commenced with Mr. D. she
asked him if he had heard any
thing again from Mr. Brayton
and he said he had not
has not spoken to him of it since
She expects they will finish on
the last form to day. Much love
from your loving mother

J. & A. Everett to Wood

I have had a letter from Mary
three days ago – she talks of
coming home soon – said she
might – possibly come this week
but we do not expect her to
come. The Burn cousins are
all getting well of the measles.
Carroll expected to take a music
lesson yesterday. We have not heard
from Clay in today. We have
not had the maple sugar yet
but will try to send you some
when it comes – We shall be
anxious to hear that this reaches
you safely – if you send a board
you need not mention the money,
only say the letter was received
all right – but be sure and write
immediately. Love –

Hemoen, Nov 23, 1885

My dear Nephew,

It is now so near Thanksgiving that our thoughts are very much of you - Will you be coming home? or what plan have you made for the day? Will there be ~~school~~ exercises Friday and Sat.? As you will already be in Utica for the Wednesday lessons it would not be much more expense to come home. We would not wish to hinder you if you have other plans in view but we wish you to know that you would be very welcome here should you come - The walking is pretty,

bad, snowy and Smoky. John Williams says the roads are unusually bad — So you must expect that — George comes up every night — but did not go down last night — We are sending this with him —

It seems long since we have heard from you. We are looking every night for a letter — G. was out of the village Sat. and did not return till the mail was closed So perhaps there is a letter there for you. Did Cousin M. tell you we have heard from your father again — His eyes trouble him — with the right one he sees but little, but the left is good. How were they when you were with him? I have

answered his letter - Als. have written to Edward -

Mary had a letter Friday from Frankie - She is well and expected to begin going to school today - She said she was going to send Mary a present this week - has she written to you yet?

How often do you see cousin Josie? Does she go home Thursday? I would like to fill this sheet but fear George will go. A young man from Lagunova preaches for us next Sab. He is coming home with Eddie Sammel we understand -

Jane told us yesterday that Pierce has a fine little daughter -

We are usually well and send much love -

George bought him a pair
of rubber boots the other day
+ [illegible] much. Ro
[illegible]
ere yesterday. Mrs. Rachel Fuc
read 83 years of age yesterday. He
& gave Cousin M. two dollars
to buy for the laces. You can
get it after. I will give you
a dollar towards your expenses
if you like to come home to
Thanksgiving. M. - G.A.B. another
What did you learn about
stove? Ask cousin Mary
if she can advise you -
Look at the one in Fannie's
room - I must write to cousin M.
Her visit did me so much
good!

90 State St. Utica N.Y.
March 3. 1885

My dear Nephew,

We have had nothing from you as yet but hope there will be a letter today. The storm Saturday night - how you must have been getting on. Had you been - you could have reached Clinton we think. We have thought a good deal the long cold hill walk you had carrying your heavy satchel and facing the cutting wind. Hope you did not take cold. We shall be [illegible] and praying, for you tonight. It is the evening for you to speak to [illegible] missionary church. Did you have any [illegible] getting excused for your absence coming home? and how did you get along in your classes?

Aunt wishes you to send the measure of your pantaloons - the out side and ends for a [illegible] - also that [illegible] top of your bine-

We find all very kind here and Anna is getting on nicely indeed. She and Cousin Wm went to the greenhouse just here a short time yesterday. She came back and created a very sweet pretty flowers. I have not been out yet. It was so rainy Sunday and not yesterday also. The snow seems dripping today. I hope the walks will be such that I can call at Cousin Lewis' and perhaps go down street. Hannah has to go or I should have company.

The mail has just come without bringing anything from you. I hope no news is good news this time. I know you must be very busy after Con. time.

After writing the above sentence it has come to my mind that there is a letter from you. It is addressed to Anna and Hannah has taken it up stairs to her. as she is lying down after breakfast. so I have not read it yet. There was a letter forwarded from Edward.

and the Washington letters - Cousin W. A. Toronto, Chicago, also sent a card to Cousin M. asking if she could manage to receive her for a short visit - she had hoped to come about the 12th or 15th inst. It will be pleasant for us to be together for the visit - soon. If she should come down while she is here you might sleep at cousin Lewis's & spend the time they have brought your letter for me to read - I am very glad you succeeded so well with your canning - I thought it was to be tonight. It was too bad you had so little time to prepare - go over it again and make it better and you may be very glad to can it - sometime in our neighborhood - It must have been pretty driving business to prepare it. Hope you will not often be obliged to miss going down to your breakfast. I think I should enjoy the walk with you - Take good care of your health always - We all are all right - and did not need you to help us Saturday evening - You know

then came brought us to College St and it is but a short and pleasant walk from there. I felt easier when to have you hurried in coming up with us. Am glad you got there stationary. Shall expect frequent letters. I have no idea yet when I will go to Hillsdale. Must make inquiries and visit final. Wonder if we are to have cheap fares!

Edward writes that Carroll is preparing to be examined by the School Commissioners and that he is old enough to teach. They have had a letter from G.P. Jones, Inspector. He does not advise their going to Kansas just at present. The [illegible] The last they heard from Maggie was Friday. She was a little better. very weak still. Must close. Will try to write Sunday. Love from all. Will write today. Also to Mary. Do mind learning this with a will. Love.

Ramsen, June 3, 1877

My dear Eddie

Yours was received yesterday - and we were very glad to hear from you so promptly. Anna asked me to write instead of her as she has already written a letter to Cousin Mary and is feeling somewhat tired. Cousin M is at Carlton Island and we had a short letter from her there two days ago. Clarence was feeling better after going there.

Yesterday Jane and Maggie were here - M came home with her mother [illegible] Tuesday and expects to return Tuesday next

We had a very pleasant visit with them. Mrs Jones Corbin was also here to tea - she came with us to church meeting and as there came up a very heavy thunder shower she stayed till it was over. Maggie stopped an hour or so after her mother went - to have a long visit with us, Then she went - to meet - her mother to D. Price's, and from there they were going to the cemetery to set - out some plants.

I came home Monday before G. Jones got back from the village. Was very sorry not - to see you - but hope it will not be long before you come again - How

soon does your time close?
Mary is going to the village
and it is most dark so
I must not hinder
We are usually well
had a nice rain or rather
rains and vegetation is
starting nicely
Shall hope for a letter
from you soon. How
does your declamation
does your oration prosper?
Your loving aunt
J. Everett

Saman, Feb. 24, 1861.

Dear Kitti,

There is such a storm that nobody can go with Frank's letter to the office tonight and so I'm going to write a little to you. What do you say to that? would you like a letter too? How much better it would be if I could only see you and have a nice talk with you and tell you this? Do you like to hear stories? Your cousins Robbie and Ernie do very much. Ernie is not very well ~~now~~, he has been pretty sick with a cold, but he is better now. Yesterday he went with his papa and mamma to his grandpa Williams and your aunt Anna and I went

down to your uncle Sam's to stay with your cousins Robbie and Maggie. We had a nice time, little Maggy was very good and so was Robbie. After we had been there a while I went to the book case to look for a book to read, Robbie came and stood on a chair by me. He looked at me quite a while as I opened one book and then another and put them back at last he offered his advice and pointed to a book, which said was "the best book." It was a Talent Office Report it did not seem to me as though it would be very interesting nor yet quite the kind of book to read Sunday. So I laughed a little at Robbie's selection and told him that I did not think it would be right to read it Sunday. He looked very sober. He did not like to have me laugh at him. So to please him I took it down, and sure enough, it was a good book for little boys and girls. It had a

boat & pictures in it, Robbie wanted to know if I thought it would be wrong to look at them Sunday. I said no, and so we took the book out into the kitchen we sat down to look at them, Maggy came and sat on my lap and Robbie sat on a chair by my side. There were pictures of cows, and sheep, squirrel and mice and ever and ever so many kinds of bird. We had a very nice time looking at them. Among the last we saw a king bird with a bee in its mouth. Robbie wanted to know why it had got the bee. I told him that they were what it had to eat and that when his grandpa used to know he his papa would try to kill every king bird he could find. But what makes the king bird eat the bees? asked Robbie again, What makes you eat bread and butter, said I, smiling. Because I like it, said Robbie,

and that is for me to eat. And can you tell me now why the king bird eats the bees. I asked. Yes, they like them, and that is what is for them to eat, he replied.

After a while we got tired of looking at pictures and Bobbie wanted to hear something about his cousins Frank and Robbie. He loves dearly to talk about you and he would be very glad to show you his pictures and every thing else pretty he has, if you would only come out here. I asked him what I should say to you when I wrote to you. "O, tell them we have had four little bossys and that papa had to kill them all but one because we didn't have enough milk for them and they would die if he didn't kill them. But we have got one bossy a great deal younger than Maggy and its got great large teeth." When we were getting supper Bobbie told us where to find everything. I wonder if we should go to your house some day and your mother was not at home, whether you could tell us where to get something to eat. Do you think you could. Now, when Frank writes you write too to Aunt Jennie

Boston, March 24, 1862

My dear Frank,

We were very glad to get your letter tho' it was so short. How is that fatty little brother of yours by this time and how is your mother? O dear, how I wish we could see you all! Or if we cannot see you I wish we could get your likenesses. Is there no chance to have them taken in Assumption or any other place not too far off for you to go to get them. If you will get them taken and send them to me I will send money to pay for them. I am afraid you will get to be a great big man, and forget and help us, before we

I see you. You are a little bit of a fellow when I saw you last in Utica. Your dear uncle Robert was living there and he and I went with you down to the depot to start you off.

Saturday afternoon your uncle Lewis, Aunt Jane, and three little cousins were here. Would you not have enjoyed being here with them? They are dear little children and I know you would like them. We have a little calf, two days old now, and the children were pleased enough with it. Maggie's mamma thought it was most too cold for such a little girl to go out to see it. So Maggie got the comb and parted her hair like a little boy and then she thought she might go as well as the boys. So she was bundled up and aunt Jane carried her out to see the calf. When she came in she told me the calf

did not have any horns and that it was red with a white back and that the old cow was all white.

When Annie and I were in Miss we got Maggie a set of little bibs and if you and Robbie would wear them she would make you a cup of tea in them. She made them Grandpa some the other day when I was there.

Tell your mother that we did get that B.S. all safe and that we have got scouts ready to send and are only waiting to know what other things she want sent with the scouts. I have written to her about it and I hope she has had the letter before this.

We have had a good deal of snow lately and the roads are bad now. The weather has been mild two or three days now. — Write again soon. We all send love. Your aunt Jennie.

Dear John, — Will you not write and let us know particularly how Sarah and the baby are and how you all are! When was baby born? Frank's letter was quite too short.

I am sorry you have been so uneasy about that B.O. I ought to have acknowledged it sooner than I did. I hope you have had my letter the'n will that I shall soon hear from you what things to send. I had to give 20 cts each for remnants. That is what farmers have got for those of diseased cattle; and rather think those we are getting from Uncle will be much better. They were dried last Summer.

Last Tuesday John P. Jones (H.J.'s son) was buried. He died in the hospital in Washington and yesterday father attended the funeral of another young soldier, John Hughes. Friday last, Morris, the youngest son of John K. Griffiths was buried. There have been a great many deaths about here the past year. — We are in usual health. Love to Jennie

South Hadley, Mass. 1/16, 1852.

Dear sister Margaret.

I have I fear followed your example too closely and delayed this much too long. Would that I could excuse myself so completely as you. I know I might have had more time to employ my time, but there were some little duties which I might have employed in answering your letter. I will therefore "Let the dead past bury its dead" and say, no more but I hope to be more prompt in future. I was much mistaken in supposing we had a school Christmas. The holidays were past as much as other days than they might have been without our knowledge, and we have entered the new year all unconcious, had not Mr. Hawks mentioned it at breakfast the morning of the first day of the week and of the year. I should like to write her a letter of advice, but, Margaret, how can I? I know nothing of that mountainous region which she has undertaken. I cannot warn her of the shoals and quicksands, nor of the rocks which lie concealed by a little water, for I know not where they are. You, Margaret, have explored it a little way, and can give much better counsel than

to direct her in the right course. Give my love to her and my warmest wishes that hers may be a happy voyage darkened by no storms. — It seems a long, long time since I left my home and home friends dear, and many more yet must be spent before I see them. How sweet the thought that in that bright world above there will be no parting, distance will be annihilated Oh may we all meet there. — This morning before the Sun had raised his head from "the lap of Thetis" the little bird sang sweetly. Spring has come at last, the snow is mostly gone and the grass begins to grow. The roads have hardly got settled yet though we have had some delightful walks when the soft sniff by the roadside. I love the spring with its soft and mellow breezes, It whispers to the trees and they put forth their green leaves, the earth too hears its voice and up springs the tender grass and lovely flowers. — I hope Lizzie has got pretty well when we go home. We had a letter from her last friday morning. She was still fast improving and had begun to sit out. Said she had lately received a letter from you and that Lewis wrote a "few words" in it. May we not be hope to see a "few" more of his pen in your next? How do you get along with your store? Do you think of coming home next fall? If so I wish you could go so early that we might have your company back with us to home. The health is pretty good here. I have the most of the time for many days with light headache that we may see that "long letter" from Lizzie I promised to write by you if this [illegible]

Hudson, Dec. 1. 1855.

Mary:

How I wish I could have [illegible] answered sooner but I not just sent one to Cynthia and I have been very busy. I do not get much time to write during the week. My health is pretty good though I have quite a hard cold just now. The weather has been very unsettled since I have been here, wet and pleasant cold and warm days follow each other like smile and tears. This day is very pleasant. Mr. Hait has just [illegible] in business. I do not expect this will have effect upon me. I hope I shall not be obliged to change my boarding place. I have not said any thing to them about it as it not a pleasant topic for conversation. I shall not trouble myself about it.

for if I remain there is no necessity for
silence and if I leave Cobalt I will know it
soon enough. I am glad to hear Sarah
is so well. When may I expect Cynthia's
letter?

[illegible] that this must
be my last. — How many there
were hours of this time. How I wish
the vacation could be spent with you
at the, I should like to hear of
school with your delight, and I wish
there was no vacation this summer.
I intend to pass the time at the
Williams' but I do not anticipate much
pleasure for they are strangers to me.
I will enjoy myself. I was not thinking
when I wrote that sentence, I forgot
that they were friends of my parents.
Some one has called to see me and
I must close here. I am sorry you
have been anxious about me. I have
been troubled a little with my head
and did not dare to write for fear that

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for me to have a letter from you that I must answer without delay.

Ellen Jones, Mary Roberts daughter, is to be buried today. I have Wanderer in school. I thought once of going down to Mliccu today, but since reading your letter decided to wait till Saturday when I hope to meet you there if you are able to do so. I was very anxious that as much as should be done by private sales before the public sale, which was therefore disposed of some things and will do more if he has an opportunity. Sirius went down with the sleigh last Saturday and brought

up both sofas. I thought the bed
we might be carried and be very
comfortable for we in the kitchen
— There, now that just come up and
the boys she wrote to you yesterday
and told you all about — this. So
you will have just over this secondly.
The girls are all feeling well
Sarah is just now lying down
to rest her. She came up to
bed before washing the floor
and done there come up would
that she need not trouble about
the floor as it was washed. It
did not seem long enough just
to have got things ready but-ma
does things so quick when she
attempts it. Will ever any of
her daughters be so smart!!
Lettie is with us. She talks of
learning a trade. If Miss Webb
can take her she will go there.
Lizzie has called to see about it

Dr. Grandpa: I received a letter to Elizabeth. We received
Thursday. Heard from Father last week. I am
glad you are all well and
getting
time
Spirits
their little
pa with the
helping
Lucy
rooms.
the first
part of
Spring a
pleasant
being a
fine start
looks
better
dark
to us
news
what
and
all
sing young ladies. Anna
talks of making a visit of his
school. I am almost afraid he
is the Spaniard of whom I dreamed.
She would like to board with
Annis but they have not yet
decided. — Grandma Mary expects
to go to housekeeping next Monday
and then we shall lose Lizzie.
This will be quite a disappointment
for me as I had calculated a great
deal on her company this summer.
Thank you for the address of Rev.
Mr. Cook. Remember me to Charley
Fowler. I should like very much
to see him. What standing has he
as a scholar? He has good abilities
and I should be happy to know that
he is making good use of them.
What a pity Mrs. Sanford is not a gentleman
and a bachelor it would be so romantic, as it is
I am quite thankful for her first impressions.
Respects to her and your "Grafenberg mother" Love Jennie

Mountain Parsonage,

May 23. 57.

Sister Mary:

Thank you for your kind letter which I received last evening and the suggestion. I hardly know what to do in regard to it. Were Mrs. Holland to apply to me, I think, from your representations, I should be happy to accept the situation. As nothing has been said by her to me or you (so far as I know) in regard to engaging me, I had not given the matter any serious thought. The school in which I am now is, as you know, a very laborious one, owing to my having the care of every thing and I feel that it is taxing my strength more than I can a long time endure. This and the fact that I should have a much better opportunity for greater influence, for good where I should be more with my pupils than is possible in a day-school

lead me to wish to be engaged in a boarding school. What Sabbath privileges have the pupils, and is there daily family worship which they attend in the Dr's family? I believe you said there were only to be young ladies in the school next year did you not? Are there pretty good prospects for the next year? I might ask you many other question which I would wish to know but I have not the time. Please write by return mail if only a few words and tell me whether you or Mrs. Sanford think I had better apply or wait a little for Mrs. Holland.

We are all in usual health. Mother has had a lame back and then a pain in her side but is now better though not quite well. We miss Lizzie very much. Letitia is succeeding very finely with her dressmaking. I should not much wonder if we should keep her busy all summer as we have a great many more dresses to be made.

Did Miss Pope visit you. She came

up here the Saturday that Anna was at Utica and staid till she returned hoping that you would come also.

You do not say how you are now. Hope you are still gaining. We should be very much delighted to see you once more at home. When may we expect you. This term closes next week and then we shall expect to have a regular time home dancing. Anna thinks of spending the vacation at Uncle Henry's that she may take a few music lessons. By the way, Uncle was up here yesterday and he said that he some expected Uncle Nathaniel down this summer on a visit.

O, dear, Anna and Sarah have come for this letter and I must close that Eddie and Georgie may take it to the mail. Georgie Mumford has been here to day visiting Eddie and a fine time they have had.

Give my love to Mrs. Sanford and thank her for the interest she has taken in my welfare. Take good care of yourself, Mary dear, and don't get troubled about getting home. Yours,

Remsen Jany 6. 68.

Dear Mary

I am afraid you are short of funds. — and if so — and your head troubles you too it is too bad —

We send herein three Drafts viz —

7 52
13 85
20. —
41.35

Hope you won't have much trouble in getting them cashed —

Be sure dear daughter to let us know when you need more — —

Jennie will write a few lines in this — Your father T.E.

Dear Sister, — Father wishes me to write a little just to ask you how you are — we are very busy as you can well understand when I tell you we are to have a Donation next week Wednesday, and Sarah is sick — we hope she will be better in a day or two. She got the garret all cleaned out

last week but we have not done much else towards getting ready - I will have to try to get all the time possible to-day this week as it will be pretty late in the month for us to begin on the Embroidery then. Yesterday morning baby complained of sore throat - he was quite poorly all day - was very restless all night - last night - feels a little better this morning after being dressed - we hope it is nothing but an ordinary cold but we feel more uneasy than if Robbie Henry had not just had the scarlet fever. Anna is feeling pretty well now also father and mother - and the rest of us well. Lewis and family are well again. We had a letter from Eddie a short time since also from E. and Hattie - they were all well - E. had lost your address and so could not answer your letter till we send

it to her. — Mr. P. was from home last Sabbath week and he goes to Plainfield next Sunday. He was with us yesterday and preached in our church last evening — a very good sermon which I wish you could have heard — It is so nice here now that he does not use tobacco — he is greatly improved. Tell cousin Tom and ask him if he will not try to follow his example — that is the only fault I think my cousin Tom has.

Father says that if your head continues to trouble you perhaps you had better come home for a little. We should all be very glad to see you, you know that without my writing it — but you know best what you ought to do.

Thank you, dear Mary very much for the trouble you took on my behalf. I am glad to know what you think about that Dr. I am very much inclined to try him. I had concluded before getting your letter that it might be scrofula that was the cause of my trouble.

but-I do not-really ~~think that~~ I took cold ~~that~~ brought-it-on-I do not-think ~~that~~ I had a severe cold once ~~that~~ year I was in Ohio. I think now it-came on gradually perhaps caused by overexertion-&c. We have his treatise and ~~that~~ was what-made me think so about-my ears-you know I often have rough hands-and my ears are often dry and scaly and then my hearing is much worse-but-I will try to write to you again about-this-I have no more time now if this goes off this morning. Will be glad if you can learn more about-him. Dr John's last-he says ~~that~~ his hearing has been quite bad of late. —

Much love

Jennie your sister

line - and have one go with her but Mary Jane is sick and can't leave home - she told us so final last Monday - that she will do without a girl if I need - but this is clean to me - it will not do for me to leave home now. Anna is very much worn and she really needs a little recreation - so, if possible, I wish to spend two to three weeks with Mary - otherwise I fear Mary will go back to Ill. with nothing Eddie after all this morning she and Anna walked down to Lewis' - Anna to call & to get a present of mother daughter for Mrs. Humphreys, the one that married Rich Pritchard's brother - and this afternoon Mary and Eddie went in the bus after them - Ben

has been sleeping on the lounge and Mary Jane on the bed upstairs so I am lonely enough to write - Ethan has stepped around some where in just now. He does not feel to [illegible] at all well - tho' we think he is a little better than when he first came home. Frank is down to Davis' also today helping Nettie with the barley - tonight - they intend going to camp meeting which began last Wednesday. - Mother received Mary's letter this morning - shall be anxious to hear again soon We are wanting very much to see you all. I cannot tell what I am going to say about your marriage, for the winter only. I should not advise you to have it be Hughes again - you know what I saw of her was not altogether favorable - and Wm says you have

a very good Kate now and I hope you will be able to keep her – if you need any one else, could you not get a good Welsh girl? I do not know what we shall do with the Cottage – nothing definite has been arranged. While we furnish it as we do I do not see how I can be spared from home – what does Sarah think she and Lillian will do? If she were home perhaps Anna could be spared for a while, but I do not know – there is a great deal to be done and seems and, O Mary, it is so hard without Father to advise about things.

Sarah told William that he did not mean to stay here this winter – John Eddie is quite a comfort to us but we are anxious he should be going on with his studies – he does not want to go back to New York – what course do you think we ought to take with him

Sumner, Oct. 4, 17

Dear Mary!

I've a mind to scold
you but I shan't for I'm not
in a temper (there's a pun for
the many [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[

not good for much by the time they reached there York, we glad the Talleman sweets stood it better.

We had quite a time getting the luggage off and preparing for meeting, but just after 11 was nearly time to begin to look for the ministers to come out of meeting (about three o'k) and we decided not to try for them, as we should have to stop the cars, & they would have a great deal to do and as they were nearly through [illegible] to help us — and to try the dinner help — should, and Mrs. Yo. and all the rest of us need to work extra after the [illegible] so that by tea time all was in apple pie order, and all went to evening meeting except Victoria and Yo. remained [illegible] to stay

with us that night and the
morning we got off the boat safely
Our friends from Flagstaff came
as usual before morning to meet
us but did not have many to dinner
as Ben and we have had nothing
to do since. Eddie was taken ill
with his throat and for a time
he had very much of it but
but now he is (illegible) not
not uncomfortable.

(illegible)

(illegible)

(illegible)

the last evening and enjoyed it much and was none the worse for going — she stood all the hurry and bustle remarkably well.

We expect to have prayer meeting here to night — if the weather permits. It has very rainy yesterday but today so far it does not rain — yesterday Lucy went to Ellis and got the [illegible] for us.

[illegible] the cold weather that [illegible] to [illegible] to attend the Methodist [illegible] prayer meetings — all well and send love. Remember us kindly to Mrs. Jones and all others who may enquire kindly for me. I saw Jennie Thomas at the meeting — she is visiting in Kansas — Hastily,

Sister Jennie Everett

also died or not - I do not
be very lonely for Thomas
and the rest - without - dissi-
What will they do?
I shall never see her again
in this world - so was so
Many
kind and good. That those
dear ones - her own relations
have very close
and
all to be with her sons
during Sunday night - Pottie
this morning train yesterday
was better before they left there
continued to gain, so that
are going to dress him for the
first time since he was taken
sick - he slept with his father
and mother Tuesday night, slept
all night, Emma stayed in
Irwin - hoping Sara would join her
before she came home.
there. Sara has not yet come down
stairs - she sat up some yesterday
in the arm chair by the dumb-
We have had very pleasant weather
for some time till Tuesday P. M.

and all night it Stormed hard
and yesterday, especially in the
morning. It was so bad that I
gave up the idea of going
with father to the Funeral
and Robbie went to drive. but
when they got as far as Mr. Pugh's Robbie
told father that it was not possible
for him to go up so they turned back
Lewis brought the children up
here in the morning and he and
Jane started to go to Kingsprings but
when they got to Mr. Pugh's he
went with them as far as Robt
Hughes thinking to go up with
Lewis and leave Jane at Robt
Hughes' - but - they gave up and
Mr. Pugh went home to watch and
tell father that there was no use
in trying to go.

(Father Eddie wrote)

Mother had written that she
would come on the evening train

the night before to reach Nemaha at 8-30 P.M. and Robbie was there to meet her - but she missed the train - so in the morning David Price went with his horse and brought her home - it was very stormy for her to come but we were so glad to see her.

I have been almost sick with a very hard cold - for three days it began in the left side of my head and made me feel as tho' I was breathing needles - and my left eye and ear and temple ached so hard whenever I went into a cold room - the first night I took it was the night and last night - Bell. - Yesterday and today I have kept a little shawl on my head and a large one on my shoulders except when I sit near the fire - I coughed some last night - and today and hope the cold is moving preparatory to leaving.

Cynthia took the pictures you sent -

one Monday night and one Tuesday I suppose - all day Tuesday her head felt so baddly that she could hardly move it yesterday it was better but felt very lame - this morning she had a spasm and is now on the bed at 11 A.M. Sara came down about an hour ago and is now helping ma get dinner - Mary Evans is here sewing she came Tuesday - she is making up the rep Eddie gave Sis on the Christmas tree for a wrapper. Cynthia thinks she has taken cold and that may be the reason her head has felt so baddly.

We have seen nothing of our visitors but Nellie heard that they were expecting to come from Mica on the morning train yesterday and and get off at East Stenton (near French road) and go from there to Tennyngydd. The roads are so drifted that they will hardly be able to come here.

You do not say whether the baby

I send this envelope that you may save the time to address another and stamp it. Father sent it once to Utica but it was not used so now I send it to you -

[illegible]

[illegible] today while at [illegible]. We all feel very anxious, father especially, that [illegible] should be done to check them - could you not come home if only for a day or two to see her and then come home in July or when the city grows uncomfortably warm for a longer visit. If you cannot now come without injury to your dear parents there in the city what would you think of our trying to have Dr. Gardiner see her? It is near her sick time and it might perhaps be best to have him

come there to see her if he can
or one of us can perhaps go to
Utica with her. These spells seem
to wear upon her and we wish
so much we knew what to do for
her. — Please write immediately.
if you think it best for him to see her.
and if you cannot come home

Anna is just getting better —
she was not very well last week.,
She is pretty well for her, as they say —
and I don't feel very well just now
so excuse a short letter.

Father had a letter from Rev. Hfones
for the Com. a few days since — in which
there is a puff for you which you
ought to see, I expect to get it tomorrow.

Father and Mother have gone to
Griffith Griffiths to see Mary (Jones) Jones
and husband or rather her husband
and herself. Mr. Morris Cadwalader
(John Cadwalader's brother) staid with us
last night. He preached in our church
in the evening but it was so rainy
very few were there — Jennie.

Dear Irving, I find I shall not need to have you get that I spoke of for my petticoat - the one that I have perfectly good now that I have cut about an inch from one end. — Lots to the invites I do not know as I can wear them - I put them on to try last evening for a few minutes and I could not see as they helped me much if any. I am sorry you have had so much trouble about them.

We had a very severe thunder storm today ~~today~~ about 10 o't. M. One flash of lightning seemed very near tho' a little west of our house. When Johnie Eddie came from school he said that he and three other of the children felt the shock quite hard. He was near the window and felt it in his breast. Annie and Libbie Thomas were sitting with their backs to the stove and felt it between their shoulders - Georgie Watkins also felt it — how thankful we ought to be that none of them were killed. — Annie is spending

this week at John D's
with Gus — Sis and
I are coming down
for the week end
to see how you &
the storm
is. Please write
soon — Jean.

[illegible] 1911

First - and foremost
write back and tell us whether you
would like a black and white striped
sing[illegible] sweat, something as in the
fashion of Swank's, a little more white
in it. We sent to N. Y. with Eddie
for a single shawl for Anna and
one for me. We got them both
black and white, and we thought
? or similar would be most
to much at home, and all of
ours I came across my yellow
and white one, which I had forgotten.
Anna keeps hers, and Eddie tells
us to send the other up to the store, but
are delayed, thinking you might like
to be surprised still. I hope you
can come home, and as you haven't

come me want you to send [illegible]
with Uncle Sam; as soon as you can.
We think you have done wisely about
delaying to come. I don't remember
just - how I have been about the
unconscious spells. As I was taken
with my menses Sat. morning, (the
day your letter reached us) I have
not taken the pills you sent.
Shall I take it now or wait till
before the next time? I flowed
two days and a half quite freely
then stopped wholly, but had just a
little oozing yesterday afternoon.
I had the attack of which Jennie
wrote you know last week Wednesday.
I think if I had been six days without
an unconscious spell then, but have
had them since something like this.
at intervals of about 12 hours
for 5 times in succession co-
mencing the evening before I was
taken unwell (Friday) had two Sat.

and to Sunday. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] than usually [illegible]
[illegible] getting [illegible]
Sarah [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
poor child, is over it
of it now, has taken a [illegible]
over but not [illegible]
the last three times and has
tried to stay home
church Sundays, but has understood
it was sick day work.

She likes the specimens of
S. S. cards, and would like very
much to have you bring the
packages home also a [illegible]
bunch of "Words of Jesus" you
can. Those you sent [illegible]
are part. 2nd I have smelled
camphor freely [illegible] for the last
two or three days, saw that [illegible]
[illegible] in that wonderful book
All send love

Lis

We all unite in sending much love to Mrs. Jones.
Tell her I should
dearly love
to see her
Lemyer April 24/1874
She will
hear a
pleasant
voyage &c

My Dear Daughter

Yesterday your father sent his Bank Book to your cousin Alexander and requested him to get a draft for 200 dollars on some Bank in New York and send to you, it is from Jemmie as her wages were not paid for a great while. you said 150 or 200 if it will mend the other 50 you spoke of we may be able to send that next week if you will let us know you would like to have it, I asked Lewis if he could not borrow the money he owed you, he said no father was owing him, but we can not pay him now if father does-

ower it. We are glad you are in good spirits and good health we have been down with bad Colds, pretty hard to get over it I think Cynthia is weaker after it, but we are all pretty well now I do not know what effect your powder had on her she had one of the old fashioned spasms yesterday morning but she wanted to go with Frank as he was going for Mary Jane it was stormy but she said she was not afraid of the storm, it was very rough riding as the ground was frozen but she felt pretty well when she came home only tired, after dinner she laid down up stairs, in about an hour

Anna went to see her, and found that she had some kind of a spell she had bit her toung and was some time a few minutes before she come to

Dear Mary, - Mother leaves this for me to add a little, but I hardly know what more to say - you can send me a note for that 20 if you wish to do so, any way, let us know as soon as you can when it is received. We are glad of every bit of description you send about what you are doing in your house, I think Mrs. Jones is right in urging you to furnish ready to let without delay - it is a great rent you have to pay and you ought to have some one in the rooms as soon as possible to help you pay rent, - we shall be anxious about you till your

house is filled any way. When I told Mrs. Jones (Mrs. H R Jones) what you are doing she said "the girls" (her cousins, I think, in Utica) "have made a great deal of money keeping boarders," and she seemed to be quite hopeful that you would do the same. We would like very much to visit you during the year but cannot tell how it will be. I have a pretty hard cold now and it is a great comfort to have Mary Jane's help. We are getting along well with Ben., expect to print first side of last form tomorrow. Sara has been having a bad cold and cough. William was down alone to church Sunday and wanted Anna to go home with him, but I was most sick down home sick and she did not like to go especially as Sara was better,

Jennie

Dear Kingsley's medicines to take, they do not expect best to stay in Glynn another year & perhaps and I also Canada a little visit to gain this month, $1- is very pleased at Eddy and they were all pretty well - had their bus pretty well covered by insurance - Eliz was very busy getting things ready to sail the 5th Mother and Cynthia still resident of there hand The enclosed letter from Elizabeth has been here a week or more and ought - to have been sent - to you before this - please lose no time in answering it, - I feel anxious about - Elizabeth lameness last - it - become settled - I think if I had done something right - away when I first - found my hearing failing I might have had help and have been saved all these years of hopeless deafness and colds in the head - Thanks we are all well as usual - John Eddie walked to Glynn this P.M. that - he might have a visit with the Dear Children - Thursday 8th

useless ness — it may be so with Elizabeth if she does not do something now,

Your last letter home I have not read — mother thought she showed it to me but I was probably busy in the office or cellar and now its one knows where the letter is — they say you answered some of my questions but I may ask them over again as I really want them answered. I feel quite anxious about you these days. What is Miss Griffith able to do to help towards the rent and other expenses? So far it seems that you have to get the needful when rents becomes due — how much do you

receive from the house towards
the rent— When I lent you
that $200 I intended to have
you have the benefit from
it— you have lost a hut
your names to it— is it any
better for having Mr name
to it— She is a stranger
to me, or I would not ask
of course, — Mother says that
Miss S's sister is still with
you helping you sew. What
sewing are you having done?
and do you expect her to
stay all summer?— What
security have in regard
to the house for another
year— it will be a great
expense for you to furnish
the house, fit the carpets
&c for only one year or
part of a year —

O dear, I wish I could see
you and talk things over.
I hope you will not feel vexed
at what I have written. Father
and mother intend going to
Utica the first of next week
to get money to send you again
your next rent is due. We are
pretty busy with Cumberland
Davis printed first side of bi-
born today, Anna is reading
the pages of this side now.
Yesterday Cynthia and I
made Sara and Will a little
visit in the afternoon as
father had no copy just ready
for me. Sara had taken
a hard cold cleaning church
Tuesday last but was getting over
it. Wm seemed to breathe pretty
hard but said nothing about
it. I wish he could get some

Mrs. Hall-Have you had Mrs Johnson, she
has been very sick for a week-a week-ago
and father was-Tuesday to see her-she was

some better than the Dr thought. Dr Wiggins attended her.

without umbrellas and got wet to the skin, sopping wet - so that all three of the Griffith girls had to change their clothing there - the sheds in the village were full when they got there so they could find no shelter from the rain. Thos, Evans' people were also among the happy partakers of the huge dinner.

We have been having a rather cold snap - today it has grown warmer and I have no doubt that there was a large attendance on the camp grounds.

Yesterday we ironed, baked and canned blackberries - today we churned and rested. I also wrote a letter to John. Frank had a letter from him last night, he was suffering a good deal from a bad boil on his

We [illegible] in especial need of funds just now - [illegible] on a Sabbath [illegible]

fort; — Mother also had a letter from Elizabeth — they were well there — town had just opened quite favorably - crops have been very good with them this year and edibles were plenty & cheap - their garden was full of fruit only the peaches failed this year.

Well, I suppose you are looking for a word about your house, I wish I knew how to advise you if you could get good help — certainly the best part of the year is to come, and you have earned a good name, it seems — but — you can tell better than I how you could get along with boarders — it will be necessary to charge more according for board than for rooms — there is so much more waste, you know — We shall be anxious to hear soon.

Kenmore, Nov 16, 1857

Dear Mary,

We received your letter yesterday morning - are very anxious about you lest you make yourself sick - wish you could get some one to help you for a little while at least. If it is very hard for us to say what we can do - we have made no arrangement.

I have written this morning to see if we can get Davies for a while - we have had quite a little out on second farm and hope to have the next number out early - then, if possible, Cynthia and I will try to make you that promised visit. We would like very much to see you and know a little better how it is with you. - The roads are not yet so that we can take the horse to the village - Cynthia is pretty feeble, you know,

Of course you can keep that you get from Mrs. Jones - for a while at least - and we will try to get for you what you need to borrow.

When will you need to have it?

I wish you could get the house off your hands without any great loss, as the care is too much for you, but I suppose you cannot do that now. If Lewis comes and gets along well perhaps some light will break in upon us and we will see more clearly what to do.

Mother wrote last Monday to ask Mr. D. Williams, if he could come the first ~~Sabbath in May and preach a funeral~~ second Sermon - but before he could have got the letter he wrote to her proposing to do so if it should be her wish and asking her to name the Sabbath. She has not yet replied to his letter so we must tell which Sabbath he will come. - Lavinia again - had a letter from John yesterday - he

I have a money order from father and could send Cynthia some if needed

Reno, Sept. 8, 1895.

Dear Mary,

Yours was received last evening and right-glad were we to get it-especially as it brought good news about little sister, we sent to the village to day thinking there might be another from you-we shall be very glad to hear again and trust-we shall soon,-Mother proposes, if Cynthia thinks best, that she should take and use some of her own money now-that would make her feel more independent-and maybe she would get well faster. What is money good for if not to use-and she may never want it more than now. She could hire some good woman to take care of her

or she could partly hire her
and you could partly do the
same and perhaps some person would be
able to attend to Sis and do
chamber work — Then when Sis
gets well she can earn money
fast enough, and we can help
her too if necessary.

John Eddie and Frank have
gone to camp meeting tonight — they
took Lyl and the buggy and prom-
ised to come home before the
prayermeeting which is held
after the general service. Mother
and I are alone now as Anna
and cousin Mary are in Turin
Monday about 1/2 past 1 — I A.M. Lewis
came up to see if cousin Mary
and one of us girls would like
to go with him to camp meeting
— Anna says, yes, you go, Jennie
you are just through with

the washing and can go just as well as not. Jane came for us with their horse and waggon and we had a charming ride - reached the grounds a little before afternoon service - saw many old friends Mr. & Mrs. Ames, Mary Ann & husband and George, Mrs. Mitchel & family, cousin Marcia, and I know not how many others - We got a seat pretty far forward so that I could hear some, but the wind made constant music with the leaves and just after the text was announced from way up amid the tree tops a little dead branch came swiftly down lighting on the forehead of an old lady who sat a little front of us - it made quite a sensation but did not drive her from her seat - she evidently believed "that lightning never strikes twice

in the same place" - just after the close of that meeting when we were going to attend the missionary meeting, the men began to run and all went pell mell towards where the horses were tied, but before we got there we found a tree had fallen on a large tent and torn it down - no one was hurt. Sunday night another tree was blown down near the Remsen tent it fell on and demolished a little out house another tree broke through one of the tents, and landed in a bed between two ladies who fortunately were not injured - Those who stood for evening service Sunday night were caught in a severe thunder storm - it was very dark and they had a pretty hard time getting home - Frank & Maggie and I believe Robbie rode with G. Griffith folks

Ransom Oct. 24/75

Dear Sister Mary,

I write you a few lines lastly this morning as William is going to Ransom in a few minutes. Eyther this wrote to you a few days ago, I think, telling you about the only hard spell she had then had after we came home. She had that a week ago last Sunday night. Seems, not was the only one with her as it was in the night, thus, but it was not as hard as she has sometimes had. But she bit her tongue very badly then.

She had no light spells
after, though she has ~~not~~ been
feeling quite poorly most of the
time with one thing and an
other. She has been unwell and
her stomache has troubled
her more or less. She has
been looking rather badly for
a day or two and her head
ached but yesterday afternoon
she seemed rather better & thought
and Mother William and I went
with her to Lyon's Glen. She
seemed to enjoy it very much
and last evening was quite
bright, but in the night she
had three hard spells in her
sleep. She does not know as
she had more than one. but
she says this morning ~~that she~~
that she does not know as
she had ever felt so badly

as it did in the night.
Lennie will add a few words
as she can tell you about it
best as she was the only one
with her. Cynthia has not yet
up yet, she thought she would
be asleep. So we can not tell
how she feels. It is half past nine

The trial was at 10-40 and
that was the hardest. She woke
me by groaning and instantly she
shook violently - she did not seem
to cramp or lift her head and
feet as she used to do - only per-
haps once or twice at the first)
She did not froth at her mouth
nor roll her eyes but very little
for a moment or so at first -
then shaking lasted a few
5 m. then she lay as if sleep
ing only her breathing was
not natural and she would

now and then chew her tongue a very little – I sat by her 15 m. then she opened her eyes and asked "what is the matter" I answered by putting out the light – and getting into bed. she lay still and I think slept in about ½ an hour or so she got up and passed urine – Then slept till 1–45 – when she woke me by the violent shaking of the bed – she did not open or roll her eyes at all this time – the shaking lasted about 5 m. I sat up only 10 m. this time – she got up in about ½ an hour as before, then slept till 4–10 when she had another fit like the second. I only sat up 5 m. this time till she lay quiet – then left the light burning 10 m. once while I got into bed that I might not be unnecessarily chilled –

We hope to hear from you soon – the printing press broke yesterday and delayed the Centinel one day – we can not send it Tuesday morning – When may we hope to see Mrs. Jones – I wish she could have come in the summer as it was pleasanter

off the breakfast this morning. This has been a very busy month after our return from Tunis. Sarah was able to help us Saturday morning but took to her bed before dinner — She has had a harder time than usual with Anna and Wm were up with her in the night Saturday night — and yesterday afternoon she got chilled again and vomited some. She had a good rest last night and is better this morning. — You will have heard before this probably of Mrs. Griffiths' death. She had pneumonia Dr said — Elias Jones

We had a severe snow storm yesterday and the ground is all white this morning. Hope you get

is also dead - died Friday after a short illness of inflammation of stomach and liver - he is to be buried today. Hugh Jones and wife were sitting up with him Thursday night - early in the morning he went over home leaving Mrs Jones at Haas' - he laid down to rest for a few minutes, as he thought on the lounge without anything over him, and fell asleep - he took cold and is now very sick with pneumonia - John Eddie slept there last night - that if necessary he might go for help in the night - Mr. J. is no better this morning - they sent for the Dr. first yesterday.

Mother says, dont hurry about sending that Mrs. Jones has paid you -

We are intending to start - but has not formed one yet - if I can help

We did not have yours in time to acknowledge in this number. Sis was sick again last Sat. night & Sunday night ~~last~~ a week — had a hard spell both nights — She is quite feeble all the time — feels the excitement caused by the sickness and sudden deaths. — Charlotte Owens and her husband and Fred were in church yesterday — that they might go to their mother's grave. — Mrs Pierce continues quite poorly — she was not able to be at Mrs. Owens' funeral. — Johnnie Evans is getting well — he was very sick about the middle of this last month that they did not think he could recover —

I receive that paper of Graph. but have not taken any — my hand was all well long before I got it — I had taken some of what we have in the box — I

We are entertaining ~~to~~ but has not found one yet — Sybil Chapell heavily dosed Sis — she can't be with another person so that Sis can attend to things

do not think it will be possible for me to go to the Centennial — Cynthia could not go too — and it would not be just the fair thing to leave her to stay alone — I hope you can go, and see for us all — I want very much to have Anna go, but do not see the way clearly — Jennie means to go before coming here — the rest, I believe do not expect to go, — We must be very busy getting ready to receive them, Have we told you that our little Hattie is engaged? Mr. Nicholas, her friend, is now preaching in Lowville and she has written to ask if we can make room for him too — She would otherwise have to give up coming herself as he intended visiting her at Hillsdale about that time, and she wanted us to see him &c &c He has his theological course yet to pursue so they are not to be married just yet — yet — of course

Sorry circumstances while mine is smaller - our S. best wishes will be likely to continue much longer -
The dog is fine
Thanks & many
and if you make better
Good by, with love
Your Sister Jennie

Remsen, July 14, 1878.

Dear May,

Yours with Cynthia's is just received - we feel sorry to have you give up your house at such a sacrifice - I supposed all the time that you had accepted what you paid him during the summer as payment in full for those months and that he thus had no claim upon you. I also thought the alternative was running your house yourself or letting another do so with your furniture in it giving you the benefit of the same in having your offic[illegible]

retained for you. That you should abruptly give up everything never occured to one. I fear you will not be able to dispose of the furniture so quickly without great loss - had you not better retain the house and do the best you can for the winter even if you sacrifice a little in your practice If necessary while Sarah is home with us Anna might and perhaps better had go to be with you for a time - then if you could keep your present girl and get a young girl to help her - with your house full of boarders even you could go through the winter it seems to me and take time to locate somewhere else by spring and also dispose of your furniture advantageously - I should be sorry to have Mrs. Jones lose by your

and perhaps you had better mortgage your furniture any way if you do not dispose of it with it better without. She and I might both hold first mortgages on it, then we would have equal chances. Consult with her and let me know. If you need more money now to enable you to go on let us know, perhaps I had better let you have some - You will lose more in giving up your office now than in the spring and if you keep your landlord feeling friendly with you he will help make the change better for you.

William asked for the girls some last night and went with John Eddie to the depot - he staid with Mary Ann last night - and Emma our new girl, came up with

Eddie — Anna and Mary went with them when they went down, to the grave yard and put a silver leaf geranium and two bouquets on the grave, and rode back with Eddie. They had a nice visit in Lima and again at John Lewis' in Bonville as they returned — Friday there was such a heavy storm that they did not come home till Saturday — We had a frost Friday night and a cold Sunday — the weather is mild again and promises well for the meeting which begins today —

We shall be glad indeed to see the girls and I hope they will have a comfortable journey. Their friends here often enquire about them. Sis Schad will be glad to see them but Anna has done so well that her class cannot miss Sabbath very much — it grows larger as the

Kinston, Nov 30, 1914

Dear Mary,

Can you tell when you had a letter from home? I can only remember that I wrote after we got the last letter from you. It seems a long time. We hope you are not sick. If you have not written send a postal if no more as soon as you get this. Mother worries.

Anna went to Ellica yesterday morning - She had a letter the night before from Fannie inviting her and we all thought it would do her good. She has been taxing herself a good deal lately making bills and sending them out. We are trying to send all and request settlement before the first of Jan next. We have been helping her some. Perhaps her going may put us back a

Dear Mary
Last week I wrote you
Sat morning I wrote you
last Thursday
to the village
to the office

little but we hope not more than a month. My hand is feeling better and I am able to do more with it.

Yesterday William took mother to meeting at the same time as Anna went to the caves. Sarah and I walked afterwards -- John Eddie had gone geologizing. He and several other boys went to Entli visit two caves. One of the boys, John Jones, who lives near there invited them and acted as guide. The openings J. Eddie says were 1 by 9 in. and they had to crawl, pull themselves along on their elbows through 2 ft of mud. In one of the caves they went down a sleep rocky way 150 ft without coming to the bottom! It was rather dangerous in some places J. Eddie says. I heard today that there is a cave near there whose bottom has never been found. We do not know whether that was the one. After the boys came out of the caves they went

with John James to dinner. If they look like our boy they must have been a pretty hard looking company covered with mud and rags!

Yesterday after meeting I went to dinner to Laura's — there was quite a little company there, Ellen Price, Mrs. Margaret Jones, Mr & Mrs J. R Griffiths and Katy. It was snowing hard when I came home and I left my hat and borrowed one that would not injure. Wm met me at our door saying Mrs. Jones had broken her arm. John Williams had brought her the news and she was in a hurry to take care of it that she might go to meeting. She slipped on the board by the door. Sarah had gone over to stay while J. W. went for the Dr. He could only get young Dr Wiggins. Dr Williams could not come. His baby is very dangerously burned. Even Charles

came right-up when he heard and he wanted to take Mrs. Jones down to Dr. Williams. He did not like to trust the other Dr. but before they started he came. So Mrs. Jones let him set it -- he says the bone is only cracked but the wrist is badly sprained - the left arm. Her hand is much swelled & pained her all night. Sarah went over this morning and slackened the bandages a little and gave her some arn and acon in water to take at intervals. Dr. did not give her medicine. I went over through the deep snow the first of the week this P.M. to see how Ellen is with her. She says she saw a sleigh go past this P.M. We have had a hard storm today, snowing and blowing in real earnest. - It looks wintry indeed.

Will you ask Mrs. Jones for the names of those who pay to her for the Gen? It will help us to know so that we may not send bill to those who have paid.

Remus, Feb. 13, 1878.

My dear Sister,

Mother was greatly relieved to get your letter Mrday when John Eddie came home from school. My hand is much better - you had not sent me any of that Poor. before but - I have been taking Graphite in water. Have taken nothing since Monday. Will take the Poor tonight - in water.

We are sending the rest of the tubs to the village this morning. If William does not have a good offer (28 or 30 ℔) he will send them to Amber Bro by cars. We do not like to have you so much troubled with

selling the butter. Am glad you are succeeding so well with those last-tubs. Mother says you are to use what you need in return for your trouble.

We shall be glad to see you whenever you can make it convenient. We are expecting Eddie and family before long. It would be nice if you could meet them here. Eddie writes that he is very well.

William drove to Utica Monday for a load of feed and came home yesterday and took me with him. I have not enjoyed anything for a long time as I did that ride and my visit at cousin's. Mary went with me over to uncle's Monday evening. He had been quite sick with dysentery

was some better of that but he looked quite thin and feeble. They were all very cordial and we enjoyed the call. Yesterday Mary went down street with me and we got mother a cashmere double shawl and gloves - both very nice and warm we think. It snowed hard Saturday night and Sunday so that there was snow enough all the way. We went down in Pitt's sleigh & was there three hours and we were about 4 1/2 coming home with the load. Everybody says we must have a good horse now. I found Sarah feeling rather poorly when I got home. Today she is on the bed. They were most afraid I would stay for a visit and come home in the cars, so they were extra

glad to see me,

We are glad you had such an opportunity to mingle in upper circle of New York and that you enjoyed it. Hope it will help you on a little to get introduced & have not yet had time to look at your card, so will not return it just yet. We will take care of it. John Eddie says "the next thing we hear about aunt May, she will be riding about in a carriage, I suppose, but I wouldn't wear a tiara for anybody."

Write again soon as mother think so much of your letters.

All unite in love —

Your sister

J. E.

Dearest Mary,

I am going to write to you but she called to tell me that I promised her to come over this evening and let me write a little. I have just written to Addie and asked for his letter for him, and it is now nearly nine o'clock & I cannot just well finish this tonight. Such is fate, you know. She has been suffering for a few days with pleurisy in the side - so that she can hardly get about. She is not sick Friday and also Saturday Sunday she and Anna stayed here and she left very quiet ill. She has been taking chest

baths several times yesterday and today. She has tried ignatia and veratrum, and now she is taking sulphur - She is a little better today, however and I washed a Saturday it snowed, with a strong wind from the north, today also it has been very cold and stormy so that we did not put out the cattle except a few on the lawn - mercury stood this morning 4° above - tonight it is about -20° and cloudy - there were a great many snow birds about today.

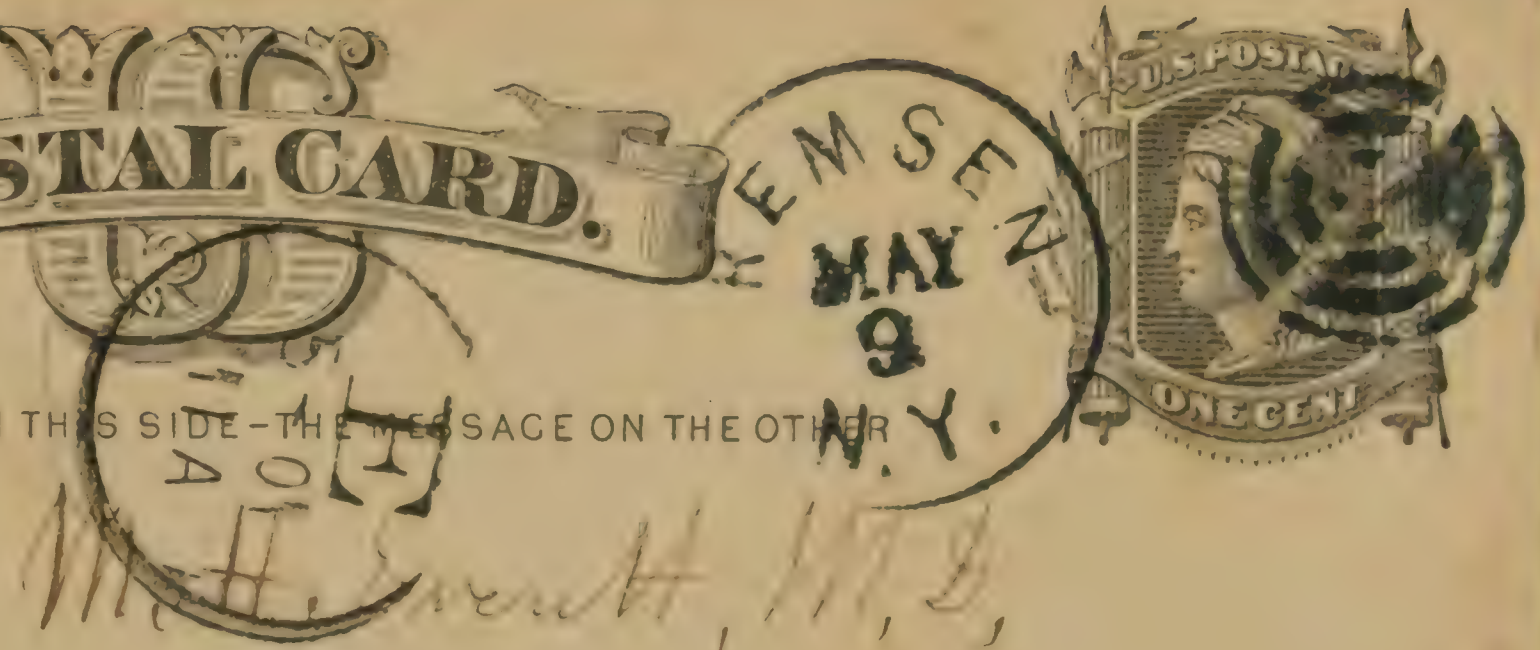
I did not come home last Saturday evening as I suppose you learned by Jane's card. My left toe was very sore and painful - at the Friday meeting and it is still somewhat sore. My right hand is quite sore. I have done it up again. I did not have any need to take what in Illinois since

coming home I have been taking it
I have not asked Lewis yet
to sign that paper. It has been
so cold and stormy for me to
go there Edward had sent his
before I got home. I hope to
hear from the others soon.
Robert Griffith Logan, is to be buried
tomorrow, he had been sick a long
time. The funeral is to be on
Sunday at 11 a.m. Which of Mrs. Lee
sisters, but while you are home
give much love and sympathy
for Mrs. Lee. We know how hard
it is to part with our loved ones
C. Ellen, pray for me, that I may be
kept very near to my Savior. I feel
that I need his guidance especially
now
Sunday morning

The boy forgot to mail this
until today. My finger is
awful sore - May 9-1878

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.



Mr. Smith, M.D.,

433 West 61st

New York

Home, Sat. Nov 25. 78.

My dear Sister I think it
is about time that we open
our correspondence once more.
What do you think about it? It
seems an age almost since
we heard from you. I fear you
are sick, or something. Please
send a Postal, if nothing more
as we are anxious to hear, - and
I know you are looking for a
letter from home, - we have
been very busy house-cleaning &
and have not taken time to
write letters this week. We are
nearly through - Caroline has
been here helping us. Jim was
very sick with Congestion of Lungs
about two weeks ago. Dr. Hinge
was here three times to see him
he has had a hard case than
usual this Spring. When do
you think you can come home
we expect Johnny Potter and wife
about the last of July - and Mr. & Mrs.
Hattie sometime in August. We
would be glad if you could be here
a little before and stay while they are here.
We are all pretty well now. Kept a kind of a cough - write again soon.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Mary H. Everett M. D.
433 W. 34th St.
New York City.

Head of Lake Kenosha, Dec 14th
Dear Sister,
I am glad George has
final come - he had a
pleasant journey and
came without any
trouble - He did better
than if he had come
last night - as William
was not able to meet
him and it was snowing
and rather dark - He
and Wm are gone to the
village for his trunk - We
are expecting John Eddie
as his school closed yes-
terday - You must have
patience with me - I hope
to see you next week, I will
explain more then - We are
pretty well and send love -

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

Wm A. Everett, M.D.,
433 W 34th St
New York

to Mrs. - 1870 -

[illegible]

Brighton,

Dear Mary

[illegible] I
[illegible] from [illegible] will
with Eddie and Mat and Anna
is there — went with him. I have
in the buggy — will probably return
tomorrow — Willie & Maggie also went
at the same time with Tommy's
horse and buggy — Eddie intends
coming to this book soon — perhaps to-
morrow — Ma is getting along
well I believe. Agnetha had
every two slight spells in June
— the last Sat. morning.

Jennie

We are so glad you succeeded
with that arrangement at College.

Mother sends a check for
$30 of which there $10 for each
Mary, Sara, and Cynthia —
Sara's will be for what $
engaged to give her — Mary's
for what expenses she is
at with Cynthia and so
forth — Mother can send more
as she has
send more as we have got
got paper and that must
be paid for — Cynthia,
and whatever she wants for trays or
for mine for and we hope
anything
there may be enough for
her to come home if she
wishes to and also that Sara
will have enough to come
We do not know of course
whether they think of coming
home soon — but if they do
we mean —

[illegible] dear [illegible] mamma
dear [illegible] love. we
could not [illegible] you
yesterday. and [illegible]
blame you. for we have
not written you for two or
three days I believe. Jennie
wrote to Cousin M. last Sat.
about my having been sick,
and Monday evening, who
should come posting in the
house but she. we were
very glad to see her you
may be sure. she is here
still. Jennie went to Jim
Lasts evening. as we heard
from Mate that the little boys
were not well. baby Grute sick
and she was having a hard
time to get along. as E. has
not returned. Cousin M.
promised to stay with us
till Monday if Jennie stays as
long as that. so we thought
best to start her right off
Will write again. Ada

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M. H. Everett M. D.
433 W. 34th St
N. Y. City

[illegible], [illegible]

Dear Mary!

We [illegible] your letter [illegible]
ing and a cool day [illegible] of
you [illegible] and [illegible] in
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? Do
have any [illegible] [illegible]
them! What kind of [illegible]
[illegible] large a family? We [illegible]
be more comfortable [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] profession. I
wish you could have a little cool
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
was not [illegible]; the pota-
toes are [illegible] and very nice now. I
you might have some of them. The [illegible]
beans are large enough so that we
had two or three meals [illegible]
had [illegible] peas - and we have plenty
from the garden every day. - We [illegible]

[illegible] - we have visitors
and numbers and yesterday afternoon
brought in two letters that were really
life - Yesterday we had a visit from
Sonny Jones and his wife and their two
little girls. Mrs. [illegible] was with
them. They have been visiting with
[illegible] - they will
leave here [illegible] - They will
leave here [illegible] in things - We had a very
pleasant visit with them - They were all
fine & well and Sonny read proof
for them of four pages of the next number.
They were intending to ring them up for
[illegible] as Maggie is unusually
busy now reading her father's books. Lorain
Mary was there all day Wednesday helping
her about it - She said it would take Maggie
a good while yet to finish - Sonny and
family went to Akron today - They did not
want to come back unless they go to
the 4th Sat. & Sun. in Sept. Wednesday. The
Mayors were [illegible], & a fine one and

they were inclined to go. I [illegible] 2. of
and Cousin Mary talk [illegible]; if
can arrange they think it will be a
pleasant affair - Cars leave Tenn - 5-4
a.m. - it's has returned to town. Mary
had a card to - for last night - Lizzie
probably will be with us again - soon -
We are enjoying Cousin Mary's visit - I
[illegible] from that's beyond - and has
[illegible] to stay awhile to comfort with -
fine to, and it may [illegible] a chance to be
away to - Sarah gains very slowly - but she
is not much more than when you saw her -
I fear she will not be able to cook at
this time - She [illegible] very [illegible]
[illegible] dance [illegible] and [illegible]
She has not taken any fresh cold - the
rain of Saturday was very heavy -
with us [illegible] and hail and yet in
it had been [illegible] but we
were glad enough to [illegible] after
the rain - and the wind has

Alberta Flowers called and sat
here to tea and I used a good deal
of my strength in visiting with her.
Wed. Feb. 4 I was disturbed again
yesterday. Evan Bickford & Mary
& the baby came to see me. They
were here to dinner but went
before tea. After they went Mr. Dr.
called. She thinks I am gaining
nicely & decidedly but is very
anxious to have me gain faster
the next few weeks. This warm
weather seems to agree with me.
Dr. told me that he wanted me
to consider the subject of a
removal for the winter;
but he said I must not plan
to go very soon. She thinks I
will gain faster during the cool
weather. Tell mother how I
do miss. We have not yet
decided what to do in future &

go if it is still true — and it
is. Thank you for making it
possible. And Dorothy, I
may owe to her finer part of
mind than. If we stand a
little, don't you think it would
be better for us to take a few
years and read a little more?
The effect of such a training
would be too much for that
in the short time left us. If
and does it need us
with us and that we would
likely to make our share it
it would be different. It would
only be a venture, at best for
this next winter. I am sick if
you had better come home for
a little visit. We do not think it
at all necessary for you to do so
on my account as I am going
nicely + am in comfortable

each after of visiting. Of course
it would be very pleasant to have
a little visit together & to be able
to talk matters over, but there
does not seem to be a call for it
now. When I took my note
to mamma [illegible] she
was going to Lenox for the week
& I was with the boys
till he came back. We had a nice
call. — Don't be too anxious about
us. We are a brighter than the
light regardless. With much love, S.

Will write again — Sarah left — No
news for me to tell — Mate &
boys are still here — Lizzie left
Monday — We are just starting
John Eddie to school — This
is his last week — Wish he
might have a years leave of
absence from N.Y. college then
he could enter again in June —
Much love

Sarah & Lizzie

Jan 18, 1883.

Dear Mary

I write a few lines to let you know that Anna is better - we have had some nice weather tho' today the wind comes strong from the north - We were very glad to get your letter and Anna is especially glad that you have bought something to make me a dress - will write again about it. We had a nice letter Tuesday from J. E. Edward write that Robert was sick - tho' he seemed to be getting better when last he wrote (Tuesday). Had taken cold.

We are thinking of selling your and letting Mr. P. keep his own horse. We do not have much use of the horse as it is - Write soon and often - There is church meeting today and I may

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M. H. Everett M.D.
453 W 84th St
New York

Hillsdale Mich Mar 17. 85

Dear Lucia

Was very glad to get your letter and the card. Was sorry to hear of Anna Eldridge's misfortune. Will try to write to her. Am keeping well and having a good time. Visit. Then. This a.m. was 4° below, so you see we cannot get out sight-seeing much. Did you get my letter asking what Claire had better take for the salt-rheum? Hope you will have more because need to think and get ready to come home. I am anticipating much in having you with us. Anna writes pretty [illegible] and brightly too. Hope her visit will do her good. Wish she might have come with me. but may be you and she will come after a little. Am glad your class remembered you so appro-

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Prof M. H. Everett M.D.
~~230~~ 230 W 33rd St
N. Y.

May 1. 1913. Tuesday

Dear Lisle -

We've just got your letter - Sat made our ears tingle. Dr. Pamplin Jones has promised to spend Sat. night here - wish you might be here to help entertain - He preaches in our church and in the village I wish it were practicable for you to get me some good glasses - I use those of mother's to set but they are not clear and I often find it hard to see - 20 I suppose is the right number - I do not think pebbles any better than Sood, clear, glass - Maybe you can not get them - either for lack of time or without me - Do not worry if you cannot - We got the No. nearly all set yesterday and they are getting along without me now - I have

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Prof. M. H. Everett, M.D.,
230 W 38th St
New York

South Hadley, Jan. 5. 1856

Dear Father.

I received your kind letter last evening and hasten to answer it It was such a treat to receive one from my father. Dear father, I thank you very much for your sacrifice of those precious moments spent in writing that well commenced family letter. Oh! that the others had been so faithful, then indeed it would almost seem as though I had seen all our pleasant family circle at my own loved home That "ancient scrap" as you call it has however furnished me with a very pleasant chat with my father and mother and a short one with Sarah my sister. The regulations of our school I have already learned to love, not not only as being necessary but as the best that could be formed for a school of this size and character. There have been instances of girls here becoming sick in consequence of receiving food from their friends or purchasing it, and therefor they made a rule in relation to it, so it has been with the other requirements of this nature; they have formed them as the case required, for example, our dining hall has been rather noisy before sitting down to the table and after rising while we were going out, Miss Whitman requested the young ladies several times to be more quiet, but this had no effect; so a new regulation was added to the others that we should not speak at all after entering the dining hall until we sit down nor at all after rising from table. I suppose I should say in connection with this that when we go to table we all stand back of our own chairs until the dandy bell strikes, which is a sign for us all to be in our places, and then Miss Whitman makes

the first move, so you see we may not speak before the benediction is pronounced. I was very glad to hear that you had such an interesting meeting on the first day of 1850. My father's subject, mother told me in her letter, I think must have been very interesting; how I should love to have been there and heard him, even though I could not understand all he might say. Those maps which you mention I think will be a great acquition to your missionary meetings they have them at this church and they add much to the interest and the people get a much better knowledge of the mission fields.

We have not had a missionary meeting this three or four weeks At our last we heard a letter from Miss Fisk, (who is a graduate of this sem.) and is now in a mission school in Persia. It was a very interesting letter, there was quite a revival in that school. Miss Hazen our assistant preceptress is going three next fall or rather she leaves this sem. then and it is not yet determined how soon after that she shall start. She is to be married to Mr. Stoddard who has been a missionary there among the Nestorians. I heard him preach one sabbath he is a very interesting preacher and seems very devoted to his labors, but I fear he can not live long, he lookes very poorly. I must close soon for I may not "cramp mothers part in a little corner". I have about 14 dollars now I shall need 30 to pay my tuition. They are very anxious that we should all have our money ready to pay the first monday of next term I should be very glad if you could send me some by that time. We have to pay $1,20 a gallon for oil. It is provided for us here in the sem. we are not allowed to get it at the stores. Wood also is very high. I fear you will think I have been very extravagant with my money but I have

been as careful as I knew how. I should be very happy if my father would write to me again. I hope if ever I go home again that I shall be a better daughter than I have been for now I know better the value of a father than ever I did before. I will write

I remain your affe. daughter Jane.

Sat evening

Dear Mother:

It is with pleasure that I address you in answer to your welcome letter. I thank you many times for devoting that new years day to writing to me. It was so pleasant hear from father and mother the same time. I was very sorry to hear that Sarah was no better. I do hope that Dr. Welch will be able to help her. How long since Dr. Gittean has ceased to attend her? Did he consider her case as hopeless or did he think all the time that he could help her. I wish I could pass this next vacation with her, but this may not be and I am content to do that which is best. I do not think I should be homesick at all if Sarah was only getting well. It often seems strange to me, how I could ever summon courage to come so far to school and leave her so sick at home. I would write to her to night but my time is so far spent that I fear I cannot. I shall surely write next Tuesday evening, if God permits. Tell her to keep up courage as well as she can. I wish Mary could be at home with her, I fear she is very lonely. Tell Gwen that I am very thankful to her for coming to keep my sister company and I shall ever love her for it. I hope Sarah's head will soon be better. Does it affect her eyes any? When next you write please tell us particularly as you can about her. I was glad to hear that Lewis' health is improving, hope he

has not entirely forgotten his sister Jane. I hope to write to him next week and to John also, I have had so little time that I have not done it before. I suppose Lewis has seen my letter that I have sent home so he has no doubts as to my existance. I had not heard of John's promotion. I hope he still remembers his ancient friends. How is Henry's health now. I hope he has not forgotten that his name is one of the "letter-writing society" if he is rather remiss in writing. I wish John would join our league. I should be most happy to number my eldest brother among my regular correspondents & Lewis too dont you think he would add his name? I received a letter from R. last last Tuesday eve, and also one from Elizabeth and Mary, I had quite a feast that night as you may well suppose. I have not answered Roberts yet, I was writing to Mary & Elizabeth when the letters came so I answered theirs. I do not think I shall be able to get a cloak, I think I had better get a thick sack which will answer the purpose pretty well. I can make that myself it is almost impossible to get any one to sew for me unless I go to Northampton or Springfield which will cost me about $1.00 to go and return. I think I must get me a thick dress this vacation. They have very cold winters here and I must prepare for it. I think I shall get me some coarse yarn to knit me some over socks to walk in that my ankles may not get wet and some wool to knit something to wear on my neck and also ears, dont you think I had better? You asking me to favor you with an knowledge of how much my journey cost me reminds me that I have told you nothing about it. The fare from Utica here was $6.42½ I will tell something about my journey when I write to Sarah next Tuesday. Tomorrow is to be communion sabbath in this church. There are five young ladies who are little strips.

X

Mt. Hol. Sem. May 2, 50.

Dear Parents.

Here I sit in my little room, no one is with me save the spirits of my distant friends. Harriet and Alice have gone to pass the vacation with their friends. I have roomed alone since they left, it is lonely and sad enough without a roommate when I stop and think, but I have been so busy that time has passed much pleasanter than I feared it would. I have taken down all the curtains and valance to wash, which makes the room more dreary than usual this evening. — I received a letter from Elizabeth and Mary last sat. eve. I was glad to hear by it ~~that~~ Sarah is still improveing, hope she will be quite smart when I return. When last I wrote I said something about not coming home next vacation, since then I have learned that none stay here at that time and the house is shut up, but I suppose I might get a place to stay and work in some family if you think best. I wish the school closed at the time to begin summer schools so that I might teach that eight weeks.

Yesterday I parted with my dear little gold piece $2½ which Father gave me long ago with the charge to "see how long I could keep it." I was very sorry to lose it for that seemed more closely connected with my parents than any thing else I have except their miniatures. I should

like if you can, that you would send me a little money as I am almost out, I shall need to get a library the commencement of the term and I have not enought to pay for it; I shall not need much as I have made most of my purchases for the coming summer, I bought two new dresses this vacation of which I send a sample, the muslin cost a quarter in England shilling per yd. the calico a New Yorke shilling. I was obliged to get my bonnet dressed that cost me 62 cts. I went to Springfield and paid 50 cts. for my ride, so you see money has been slipping through my fingers pretty fast this vacation. Hope you will not think I have been extravagant, goods are very high this spring they say,

There have been a great deal of rain north of here the past week, which raised the Connecticut so much that the mail could not cross monday. It is feared that the young ladies who have left will have difficulty to cross on their return to morrow.

Only about 30 remained here this vacation. It seems quite lonely. Our vacation is almost passed, school commences again next friday I have not accomplished near as much as I had planed for the vacation. We shall not have any examinations till the close of next term, on account of Miss Whitman's health. This will make it rather hard when the term closes we shall have so many more to prepare at once. I wish very much some of you could attend our examinations next summer.— We sent a box of clothing to some missionaries in Persia the first thursday of vacation. We had quite a time making children's dresses. I worked 20 button-holes in the backs

of their dresses besides other sewing. I felt at first that I had no time to sew any on them, but when I thought how willing I was to give a little money when I could spare it as well as not and now could not give my precious time I saw all my conviction vanish. — We went to walk last week wednesday with Miss Scott. In our way we found some safsafras trees, I send you a little of the bark that you may taste something which you see in S. Hadley. — There will be a company from here next term to go up on Mt. Holyoke, it will cost each about 50 cts. do you think I had better join them and go. They say we can take a delightful view of the surrounding country from the summit. Miss Whitman has gone away to see if she will not be better. She does not expect to return until several weeks after next term begins. Miss Hazen will be here next term, so we shall have some one to take the charge of the school. I have heard that there has been quite a talk among the faculty about having a gentleman principal here next year. I do not know how much truth there is in this report, nor what they have decided. The standard for graduates is to be raised next year.

I must close now lest I keep this too late for the mail. Write soon as I am very anxious to hear from you. I have commenced a letter to Elizabeth which I shall finish to night. My studies for next term are botany, philosophy, and geology.

I remain parents beloved your aff. daughter Jane.

Love to all. When will Eddy write to me?

South Hadley June 12, 1850.

Dear Parents:

It seems a long, lonely time since last I heard from you. I know not why it is, but whenever the interval between your letters is a little lengthened, sadness creeps over my spirits and nestles down on my heart. I am a strange creature, I must confess, thus to let every little delay chase away my smiles, especially when I know how much you always have to occupy your time, but it is nothing more than you should expect to have one oddity among so many sons and daughters. I have not been very well for the two last weeks and perhaps I feel more childish than usual just now. I am getting better now and I hope to resume my duties again next monday. the Dr. says so if I gain as fast as I have

I have not been into school exercises since a week last friday. I was not much sick but did not feel able to study. I do not take any medicine now, the Dr. came to see me yesterday he said that I was 50 per cent better than when he saw me the last time (Thurs. eve.). The Dr. has been to see me five times in all, shall not have to see him again unless I am worse. I suppose I shall need some more money to pay the expense of my illness. I have not spent much of that last you sent

so I have some on hand now and as I do not know what his bill will be I will write again soon and let you know what I shall want. Do not feel anxious about me I hope soon to be well, there was nothing particular the matter with me, I did not have any appetite and of course became quite weak. I am now able to eat quite heartily.

Thurs. morn. It is a bright lovely day and the young ladies have gone to visit Mt. Holyoke, In your last you advised me to accompany them, but I am not quite strong enough to undertake the long ~~night~~ side. More than half the school went, some who were near or who have been here before and visited it did not go. They went in two companies, the first started at 6 the other at 7, they expect to return a little after noon. Five carriages went each time and they were all well filled. Harriet has gone and Mary [illegible], a young lady from Northampton, very kindly keeps me company until she returns. I felt quite disappointed in not being able to go, but if I return next year I hope to go then. I have told you that we are not allowed to purchase any eatables or drinkables, those who go up on the Mt. have permission to buy what water they may want. It is sold at ~~five~~ three cents a glass. — I am better today and in very good spirits. Wish I could see sister Sarah and the rest of you. Seven weeks more and I hope to hear your voices. I guess you will laugh when you see your rosy chubby daughter, I think she has so lately written to you about being sick. I dont suppose Sarah would think of being ill if she felt as well as I. He is Sarah's health

I must close with love to all

now? I received a letter from Elizabeth [illegible] and found by that that Mary has commenced her school. I wish she and Sarah would "league" together and at least write me a few words in your next letter. Mary has been very faithful in writing, but I fear lest she neglect me now thinking she has at time. I have almost expected ever hearing [illegible] to John. I wonder if he think [illegible] fine, Lewis to is still my debtor, tho will not [illegible] settle their account before I go home. I find every member of the ancient league will admit that I have a right to expect to write regularly to them. It seemed almost wrong to take the time, which might be devoted to faithful correspondents, to write letters that I had little hopes of being answered. I received a letter from Mary Thomas near the first of last term never answered it because I could not write more than one week and every week was a letter due to the league she wrote me again last week and I shall endeavor to answer that as This is the only letter I have had since I have been sick, and I assure you it was very joyfully received. To write soon you can form no idea from my poor scribbling how precious are your letters. — Hattie has returned from the Mt. she brought me several flowers and leaves from its summit. They had a very pleasant time, but are much tired. The carriages could only go to the foot and they had to climb up as best they could. — Where does Lewis live now? Ma said that E. Williams had a shop in his former home I am sorry to hear that Jane Abrams is not more happy in her married life. I always had a very exalted opinion of Mr. Sellers. His kindness for I remembered their good apples and those fat geese he used to bring us. Excuse the writing of this sheet I hope my next will look better.

I will write again soon, and be more careful of my health. Wish you could write so that I could get it Tuesday eve. How is Henry's health now? hope he will not work too hard. I fear that neither cannot endure the extra labor of another harvest he has already so much to do.

Rev. Robert Everell.

Kemsen.

[illegible] Co.

N. Y.

Mt. Hol. Sem., June 24, 1857.

Dear Father:

I was very glad to get that $5 which you sent last week, you ask about how much more I shall need. Brother Robert sent me a gold $5 piece a few weeks ago, which will be quite a help to me now, I have, counting that, on hand nearly $14 and though I cannot tell how much my sickness will cost me, for I am not yet strong enough to wait on myself in every thing, I think I shall need no more at present. It is quite doubtful whether I shall be able to study much this week. I hope to make up my lost lessons in philosophy so as to finish that this year I do not think it best to attempt any more. Next week thursday, we expect to commence our reviews in preperation for examinations and if I can attend to all my reviews I hope I can finish here in another year, if my health is good. Do not feel anxious about me as I am getting better, though my strength is pretty long in returning. I went to the table last friday noon but as it tired me some Harriet thought I had wait a little before I go again. I went to meeting last evening, our meetings are in the sem. sab. eve

so you see I am much better. Expect to take a walk out this afternoon. I have not been much sick and think it very strange how I lost my strength so; perhaps it was because I did not exercise it. — Last thurs. eve, the night I received your letter, Rev. Dr. Poor, who has been a missionary to Cey. 30 years and expects soon to return, lectured in the sem. hall to the young ladies, I was very sorry not to be able to attend. They say, he was very interesting. His text was, come thou with us, and we will do thee good". I have not heard a great deal about what he said. but one thing Hattie told me I thought I must relate to father. He said that there was only one class of females in Ceylon who ever learned to read, they were called the dancing girls and they read in order to learn the songs. They never married and were regarded as the wives of the gods. They frequently steal children and educate them for dancing girls. He mentioned, this as one instance; a young girl who had charge of a white babe carried it out one day and the babe went to sleep, she laid it down in the shade and stepped the other side of the bushes to pick some berries, while she was gone the dancing girls found the child and stole it. Great search was made for the babe but without success. Five or six years afterwards a friend told the mother that her child was at such a No. in a certain street, she immediately ordered her carriage and went to find it. When she drew up to the gate she saw several children

in the yard playing and a white child was with them which she knew to be hers. The child, on seeing a white person, ran screaming into the house and hid her dark mother's neck, for she had been taught that the white woman was a thief and the dark woman her mother. And now, said Dr. Poor, "do you wish me to tell you what it is to be a missionary? it is to take that child and tell it who its mother is, and who is the thief. Satan is the great person who has stolen these people from the heavenly Father, and we want you to come with us, and help find them to their Father, and convince them that Satan is the thief." — The rest of the sheet I suppose belongs to Mary. Please write again soon, you hardly know how much good even a few lines do me, with much love from your daughter.

Dearest Mary: — I was very, very happy to hear from you, and the next night I received a letter from Robert and both together made me so joyful that I hardly knew what to do with myself. I wanted to answer you that very night, but Harriet laughed at me because I had sent one that morning. I was sorry that you all felt so bad about my being ill as I have not been very sick. I hardly knew as I ought to tell you any thing about it, but some how, said if I did not she would. I am glad that you are all so well, but I fear Sarah does not improve as fast as she ought, I wish she would take exercise & run and get well quick. A person when sick is almost sure to be low spirited now and then and I know how to pity Sarah when she feels so, I would much rather have the head ache or even tooth

When I get down hearted I sieze my pen and begin a letter to some of you and am soon cured. I would have given any thing could I have recalled the first part of my last letter when I found the effect of my letter on Sarah. I did not think I had put anything in that like sadness. Tell her not to cry over this, for if she does I shall fear to write any more. I feel a great deal better than I did this morning when I wrote father's part. Only 38 days more and before I start for home, three cheers for ~~that~~ time, then Sarah if you cry— I had almost a mind to say you should get not kiss. Strawberries are beginning to get ripe, I wish I could go out and gather some and send them to Sarah, I know they would do her good. I have thought of something that I shall make her when I go home for a change. I will give her all the time till I come, to guess what it is.— There has been quite an excitement here the last week, I told you in my last that three young ladies had been sent home. This was but the beginning of the trouble four more have gone and it is feared that others must leave before order and quietness can be restored. The teachers all have a very hard time and some of them are almost sick. Miss Whitman and Miss Hazen are both absent the trustees have examined the cases of the young ladies and they decide their fate. I cannot tell you what their offence is as it is a long story, I will leave that till I come home. They seem to have no regard for the teachers, themselves or any one else. I have not heard so much about it as I should had I been well but I know enough to be astonished that girls could conduct so, had it happened in Amherst college there would not be so much wonder.— This is a very pleasant day, not so warm as it has been, yesterday it rained quite hard all morning and cooled the air I think. Write soon and be sure to tell me if Sarah cries about this. How is Margaret? Where does Lewis think of going after he learns the daguerrian business? Is Mr. Roberts recovering his health? Love to all from

Love to Mary Thomas. Is she getting better? Annie.

S. Hadley, July 26, 1850.

Dear parents:

One week from this morn I hope to start for home. I think I shall need some more money through to carry me there. I fear you think me very extravagant, but indeed, I strive to be as frugal as possible. I have not become nearly so strong as I was before being sick, and I have been obliged to hire my washing all the time since I was first sick. This will cost about $2. We all, I think I told you, are required to work ~~half~~ an hour every day and half an hour more wednesday. We must keep an account of how long we work, and if we do more than this they pay us for the plus time at the close of the year, if less we must pay the for what we are minus. It will be nine weeks, when the term closes, since I have worked any, and I shall therefore have to pay for 54 hours (as the half hour of wed's is called an hour) the price is 3 or 4 cents an hour I think 4 but am not quite certain. Some say the Dr. charges $1 a visit - and he has been to see me 7 times in all. I have been to ride 5 times for which I must pay 50 cts. I do not know whether I must pay any thing for having my meals brought to my room so long, if I do I should not think it would be much. I have none on hand $18 which I fear will not be enough. I hope now that I shall be able to go to the church next thurs. and hear the address, if I do

I shall need a sunshade and one or two other things (the g...
ladies do not wear their bonnets to church) which will cost another
$2. If you think I had better not go home after having ...
so much, you need not send me any money and I will try to
get a place to teach or something to earn a little. I will
cost about $6 to go home. I am regaining my health & body.
I am able to go into one review and shall have one examination
I spoke to Miss Chapin about coming back next year. She
thought I will have no difficulty to graduate if I have
good health. Miss Whitman is not here. Miss Haz...
returned the first of this week. I must close now lest I
keep this from going this morn. I should have written
before but I have been expecting to hear from you first.
I will be necessary for you to write immediately, as it sometimes
times takes three day for a letter to come. Good bye now,
with much love to all from your daughter Jane.

P. S. I expect to get in Utica between 8 and 9
o'clock next friday evening. I hardly know whether I
had better try to go home the next day or stay with C.
over the sabbath. I am very anxious to get home but can
not tell how I shall endure the journey. Jennie.

Rev. R. Everett
Remsen
Oneida Co.
N. Y.

Hudson, O.

Feb. 3, 1856

Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 31st inst was not received until today. I cannot tell you how anxious I have been and what joy I now feel that God deals so kindly with our dear Robert. This morning when I started to school, I felt that I could hardly endure the suspense longer, and when I did receive the news of his having letter, though it was at school, and during recitation I could not restrain the tears, though so sudden was the revulsion of my feelings. Thank God, he is

better! I shall hope to
hear from you very soon
I am quite well. Thank
you for all of your kind
letters. Love to all. I
must write no more now
for this Doolittle is waiting
for me. Good bye. All
Jennie.

Hudson, Feb. 24, 1856.

Dear Father,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of the 22 inst. It was brought to me this morning during school time by Miss Doolittle's sister and I had the pleasure of anticipating its contents till noon. Then, I did not wait to eat my dinner before it was read. I'll I could hardly let the last young lady pass the threshhold ere I was fast devouring [redacted]

So far I wrote Tuesday, when my watch reminded me that I must no longer call the time my own. I now the hour of opening each day and pass my whole time occupied with the duties. This was planned in my life and there remained till noon (Saturday) intermission to be filled. Thursday was devoted as Saturday for College and Seminary. We had no school. Thursday was celebrated

the 2 May 1864.

This morning I received a letter from mother and yourself, thank you very much for your kind remembrance of the absent ones. I am sorry that you have had so much uneasiness in regard to my anxiety for Robert. I feared it would be so, when day after day I wrote, but I could not help writing. Was thankful I felt for God's merciful dealing to our dear Robert! O, I do hope he is soon to be restored to health. Monday I had a letter from Irvin. She was full of joy and hope. She had been writing a business letter to Chicago. I hope he will not be [redacted] mind with business affairs. You say that the news about him seems to promise a better state of things. Do you think the word of those ruffians can be relied upon? Is it not a stratagem rather, by which they would put the people off their guard? I am very anxious for Lodie because his health is so poor that he cannot endure the hardships that threaten him. But you know more

about the aspect of affairs. Thank them
& say, and I will try to hope with
you, that a brighter day is dawning for
that Land & that my visit
from that, & all my many friends
the delay & toil & privation caused by
the extreme cold, and that
becomes a little milder, we must look
for war. What does the Siberian say in
regard to the Presidents last
to the people of Kansas? Does it not
sound a little like aiding the Secessions?
It is a long, long time since
I have heard from Elizabeth. Have you
receive any letters from her? If so, please tell
me in your next the last
very strange that she does
my letters. I shall try to write to her
today and to John and Robert. This
morning I have started to letter writing
and I mean it shall be with interruption,
but I must not write any
My health continues very good. It is
snowing quite hard just
hope for more sleighing. The snow has
not been very deep and this week has
been so warm that the sleighing

quite like giving us a lasting look.
I have not had many rides but I
intend to have the most fun while
in the place will come so much more
this place is noted for it must in-
deed be and well, but I will not anti-
cipate the evil of the future I would
rather enjoy the present.

Do Jessie and Eddie attend school
yet I suppose they do or I should
hear from them a little oftener.
I am glad to hear that Sarah is
as well as to be able to visit at
Penny mydd. I quite wish I could
be with her for I have long desired
to meet my friends there. Remember
me if ever my name is
mentioned by them.

Love to all the dear ones at
home. Let me hear again soon.

Your affectionate daughter
Jennie

Auburn, May 31. 1864.

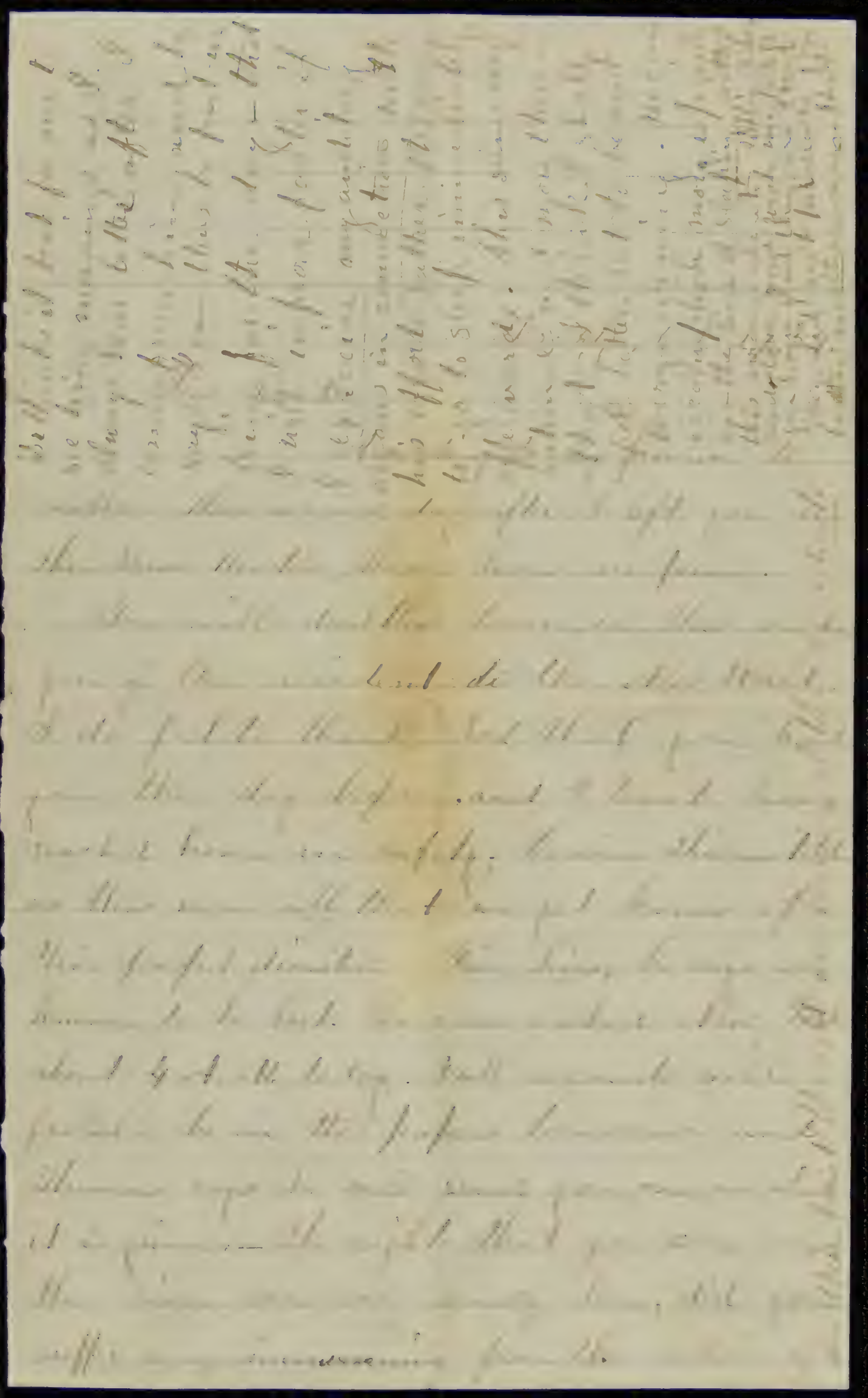
Dear Mother:

I am sitting here in the little [illegible] has just been [illegible] sing round me, & I wish you could be with me. I did not know that I was going home until I was leaving the office that was morning. It seemed that every body and [illegible] wished it before they did. You see, we had [illegible] to give you so much anxiety again. You must not think of me as being [illegible] I only [illegible] & am not sick, but I am [illegible] he is not well. — My health has been very good [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] sick. During the night I had a hard cold as I have had many times before since I have been teaching. If I should become ill sick after that I say they would immediately write to [illegible]. I would not "mind" a cold little if you should be, even for that, would, I am to find of a little more item for that.

[illegible] with your letter came from Elizabeth, they are quite well. Elizabeth [illegible] they will not be able to visit home this summer, this will be quite a disappointment [illegible] to you all.

[illegible] is feeling well. It is very fine, but rather cold since the rain last night there was a very heavy frost. The [illegible] of the [illegible] has been dull and many vegitable. It is most summer this evening. — What is the [illegible] about John? [illegible] what you think about [illegible] affairs. He had a very spirited [illegible] upon the subject this week, by title of [illegible] a military company to go there. [illegible] to a little meal, [illegible] all [illegible]



We are sorry that you are so uneasy about us. Anna has been sick with a
cold for past two days. She is better
to-day again. She [illegible] and then
morning she began to be sick. She
will not be too much for
her. She will take care
how to make on Saturday morning
must [illegible] and [illegible]
We will not attempt to write
you stories as any thing else you
can tell it. If [illegible]
to send any [illegible]
but I think [illegible]
send, [illegible]

I do rejoice great concern about Aggie. Where is Alexander now? How does Aggie seem to feel? Is she have any hope of being better? Does she trust in Christ?

With regard to the sufferings of God's Spirit in our place did us much good. We have thought much especially of those I know and love.

O, may they soon find Christ precious, and may the others be led to fall at and seek the Saviour. Pray for us, my mother, that we also may have a blessing. Tis a solemn thought that I may have to answer for their souls. O pray that I may have more grace.

Adieu, mother, good night & may God watch over you & keep you. Tell Edelia his letter do us good. When shall we have another. We need much love. Will you please send us another letter soon, mother?

Your daughter

Jennie

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Dear Father & Mother:

While Eddie gets the horse I will write you a few lines. We wrote yesterday. Hope you are now with Elizabeth. Lettie is going to the village with Eddie to get the mail. Sure were no letter yesterday. Got letter it seems has returned to Lawrence, but has not yet attempted to collect taxes. The returns are almost unanimous for the Topeka Constitution. They are doing pretty well on "Ben". Mr. D. is here. Anna has set about 12 chicks, Lewis has been preparing coop this afternoon after dinner all hands got ready to bring in hay, when down came one of the most heavenly showers we have had this season. It did not continue long, but

was soon followed by another and another, Now it is pleasant again, but there can be no more carrying in hay to day. Griffith Jones is cutting wood for us. We shall have to bake in the morning and we are not very ill. Samuel. This morning we churned. The butter was pretty good a little soft. Jane brought some English beans and new potatoes: when she came from home and we cooked them for dinner. Yesterday we boiled the seat of the turtle for Hiat Lee and Liggie has begun to take it. We also made some more syrup for her. She is about the same today as yesterday, rested pretty well last night. Sarah is well and adds the seat of us. Hope we shall hear from you soon. Tomorrow I will try to write to John. Give our love to the children and the rest.

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Sat. noon,

Dear Parents:

Last evening after I sent my letter to you David received one from his brother saying that he would be here a week from tomorrow; in our church in the morning, Penygraig in the afternoon and in the village in the evening. There will probably be no communion till Mr. Thomas comes as Mr. Roberts has got worse going now from Ilfracombe to take his place tomorrow morning. John Roberts told Lewis last night that he would attend to it.

We have been very busy taking this morning. Lizzie is not quite so well today

Glad such troubled her in the night and prevented her from sleeping well.

It is a very pleasant day once more and they are busy in the hay.

Your haste

Jennie.

[illegible] Things, I have written [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] will about time and if
this is such a thing [illegible] man as he is rep-
-uted to be it would hardly seem right-to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[

[illegible] "[illegible]
[illegible] prayer." & addressed them to go with
[illegible] to the basement that [illegible]
[illegible] out of the reach of any of the falling
[illegible] the streets were overflowed about
[illegible] of water, the houses and sidewalks were
[illegible] many places washed off. The storm
[illegible] continued about half an hour and
[illegible] when it began to clear we hastened
[illegible] to look at the church. It was a
[illegible] mass of ruins, the steeple had fallen
[illegible] and crushed the walls, yet as great was
[illegible] the noise that none of us heard it fall. At
[illegible] corner of our house was also
[illegible] off and much of the stone work
[illegible] way. The next clear weather we [illegible]
[illegible] up after the storm when the Lightning
[illegible] struck which we saw and the [illegible]
[illegible] fell though not out of sight
[illegible] enough to do any damage. The bell
[illegible] will ring again every day for
[illegible] minutes till about the 20th inst.

does a few days to send to meet you at Chicago before going to Wisconsin. This is not much done here the last few weeks of the term, and it would be pleasant to have a little longer visit at Hinsdale. We have not yet decided, however. I could not leave, and the fear I could be [illegible] without her—editorial, isn't she?

It is [illegible] now, after all the meeting is over, as this is only a [illegible] the others, I cannot tell. We do not [illegible] anything definitely before Commencement, what then will occur, no one can foresee. Sanford one of the Trustees last evening what he thought the prospects were for next year. "Very dim" said he. "It is my opinion that there will be a complete overturning." I wish today to the Trustees, the gentleman who first said it was about coming here, and I hope time to know my fate.

[illegible] kept out of the difficulties, and if we do not even know exactly what they are. I would like to

remain here for Anna's sake, till she could graduate. I have tried to do my duty here, but you know I have labored under a disadvantage. My difficulty of hearing is a constant trial and may be the cause of my dismissal. So, Pa, I may return, like an old nuisance, to you again. Oh no, I have I have had no complaints, but perhaps that is only due to my infirmity.

Yesterday, I received a letter from good Mr. Heffron, containing an offer of Miss Hall's place at Whalestown Seminary. They pay her only $307 just half what I now receive, she having her board and furnished room the same as I have. If I do not stay here, what would you think of my accepting that place, rather than be idle?

We have had a great deal of rain lately and some wind. Another portion of the walls of Dr. Beecher's church fell day before yesterday and considerable more damage done to the building. They are

busy tearing down that portion of the remaining walls which they consider injurious preparatory to putting the church right up again in the same place. What if the end walls they think are strong as ever and they do not therefore intend to take them down. Of course there are many persons who think otherwise but the saving in the expense is an almost unanswerable argument these hard times.

We had quite a pleasant play-party in our room this afternoon. One of our little friends brought over her doll and in the name of the doll invited us to be present at the ceremonies. The young ladies all entered into the spirit of the thing and I doubt not were as much charmed with the "magnificent idea", as Dr. Jenkyn called royalty, as are many English subjects of Victoria. — This is but an excuse for a letter it shall, however, carry our love to our father. Adieu

[illegible] — It is but little that I can add to the account given in the Journal of our expedition. The morning of the 22nd dawned with unusual brightness. The steamer to gather about — and the lifting of that mighty band [illegible] fell but there was nothing unusual in the appearance of the storm till about 2½ P. M. when the gust broke of Lava suddenly changed to hail stones of the diameter. She would sing down upon against our windows and in less than one minute about — hundred or fifty of the huge ice balls were broken — all upon a small space. It was awful upon the fair face of nature, the pure ice balls and the clear sky in their emerald hue. Scattered upon the ground they looked [illegible] from the parent [illegible]. I went around immediately to ascertain the extent of injury done to our windows, and we counted the [illegible] holes, [illegible] one [illegible] were [illegible] distant, [illegible] the church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to have
we thought it expedient the part of the building
nearest the church, we thought proper to the
Methodist house. Some at first, wished to go out-
but our building should be blown down upon
us. I had, however, little difficulty in convincing
them of the legality of such a course, like the
Romans putting on their guile-proof in doors.
At some of our doors were off and the
hail beaten in many places so that the
water came in a stream from one story
to the other. We have moved into
the south side of the building and are
very comfortable while the storm rages
without. Our services are always in
the morning only as that our school meets
at all the time as usual. There was
some excitement manifested the next morning
the result of a sleepless night, but that
was all. The storm continued from 11 o'
clock P.M. till accompanied at intervals by
hail and a great many persons were obliged
to sit up to keep the doors shut and as much as
possible of the rain out. All the windows and sashes were

Knap Farm, Lem.

Galesburg, June 3. '58.

Dear Father:

Yours of May 31. was yesterday received. We are very glad to know that you were safe. The severe storms make us very anxious in regard to your journeying.

Last Sabbath about 5 ½ P.M. we had another terrible storm. I never saw before so much water fall at the same time. Some hail accompanied the rain and wind and the lightning was truly terrific. One stroke was struck but the rain

soon extinguished the flames.
No injury was done here except
the blowing down of chimneys and
carrying away of fences but in the
little towns about twenty miles from
us the work of destruction was
fearful. Of the forty or fifty houses
in the place only two or three were
left standing. Fifteen persons were killed
and eight others so injured that there
is little hope of their recovery. Some-
by an individual escaped unhurt.
One man was saved went im-
mediately to Monmouth (12 miles dis-
tant) for help and as soon as

possible several physicians and then
hastened to Chattanooga, the scene
which met their eyes was most heart
rending. The dead and dying lay scat-
tered on every hand, many of them
fearfully mangled. Some had ap-
parently died instantly, others lingered
in great agony. They were obliged
to be taken three or four miles
to farm houses for shelter. I
will send to Louis the paper
from which I get these incidents.
You have not, it seems, received
a letter we sent to Cincinnati,
I mentioned in that our

application which I had had from Mr. Heffron. He offered me a Miss Woods place at Whitestown Seminary. I have since learned that the Sale party are seeking a successor for your humble daughter and therefore will probably dispense with my services after this year. Would you not therefore think it best for me to accept Mr. Heffron's offer. I shall not get so large a salary there but enough I hope to keep me from starving.

We had a letter from John last week. They are pretty well - have been sick - are better. Please write soon to your own loving

J. G. H.

Hudson, Oct. 2, 88.

Dear Parents;

Arrived here safely this morning. Had a very pleasant journey. Found friends on all sides. I had no care of my baggage, some one else very kindly attended to it. I met with no acquaintance, but I formed some and where one stopped another was ready to take his place. F. J. H. Clark, the author of the Liberty Minstrel, was my first new friend. He was on his return from a lecturing tour with Fred. Douglas. Had attended a meeting at Rome, Sunday and had just been down to Utica to consult with Dr. Leach in regard to one of his eyes which is troubling him. Dr. gave him encouragement, and he will

probably spend a few weeks at Utica soon. She left at Syracuse to attend the Jerry rescue case. There I became acquainted with a Mrs. Robinson of Buffalo who was a very kind and sociable lady. She was a person of a great deal of intelligence and just the companion I needed then. There were also three brothers by the name of Massey who were very kind and took all care of my trunks and saw me safely on the Cleveland train. There I shared my seat with a Mr. Gilbert who was on his way to Warren. He passed through Hudson and attended to all my wants till I reached this place. At the depot I was met by Mr. Hurt ~~with~~ whom I am to board and a Mr. Chamberlain whom I had met at Utica at the time of the meeting of the Board. Thus far I have the Lord kindly supplied my utmost wants. I think I shall be happy here since

1858

Saratoga, Wed. morn.

Dear Parents:

Here we are safe and sound at the Springs. We left Utica at five o'clock yesterday morning and reached here about one in the afternoon. We obliged to stay at the melody meeting one hour. I had a little time to look about. The city is very quiet—business seems almost at a stand—perhaps the effect of one day in this college. In our wanderings we passed a school. The door was [illegible] and we had a fair view. The teacher was embroidering and one little child was diligently [illegible]

A B C. The others were lying about on their little seats. I could not help smiling at their grotesque appearance yet it was a sad sight. They were forming along habit of indolence with which some future and more worthy teacher will have to contend.

I found Mary quite smart and all the good lessons as well as usual. They were very glad to learn that Sarah was at home so well. I do not know yet when we shall leave here perhaps this morning.

The mail came monday I think. Love to all.

Your loving Jennie

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I am anxiously waiting for breakfast having eaten nothing since I left Utica excepting one of those oranges, which gave me. I must stay here till 10.50 A.M. & after breakfast I intend to go out and view the place. I wish I had known that I would have had to wait here so long — I might better have stopped at Rochester. I got a comfortable room and bed and slept well what part of the night was left after I got here. I shall not be long in going to Lowell now, when once I get started. There were half a dozen or more drunken men in the cars before reaching Buffalo and they made a great deal of noise — they seemed to be in the very best of humor with the world, but I did not like it much — there was no very fine countenances in the car. I was glad another day was not

me it would have cured her of
much: and then when I found
there were no flowers to be had in the
sleeping cars & how well it was without
was sure of a good look at home. I
went through three or four
I could have a seat carrying my bag
but had to check it at Erie and
then I found one by the man who
belonged on the car and I asked him
how much trouble it would make
to check my
if I walked in Buffalo like a man -
I told him that I could
seat and I could not possibly sit
all the way - I was so tired I could
hardly keep the tears where they w
while I spoke to him He took pity on
me and found me a seat and I
got into it in double quick time
to tell you. I think I slept in that
chair. The cars on that car were
chairs with a rest for the head

Utica Sept 9. 1865.

Dear Parents,

The Dr told us this morning that it would be much better for us to stay a day or two longer, so we will not go up tomorrow. We will write again when you may expect us - we will probably stay now to see a little of the Fair next week. Perhaps some of the rest of the girl and Eddie can come to the Fair and then we can go up with them. We staid at uncle's last night and are going up again now. We will not see the Dr till 4 P.M tomorrow and so we will make quite a little visit at uncle's. We enjoy

ourselves very much — are feeling much the same as to our health. We are intending to go to the Cemetery with Hettie and Bella this afternoon. It is a pleasant cool day — John Peirce of Airon, Ills. came to uncle's this morning. Uncle has gone with him to Marcy now — he intends going up our way before his return and he has promised to stop at our house — Please send with some of those who are coming down from the meeting Perkins Elementary Arithmetic for Ella — one of the latest editions we have. I told Mary we had several copies and Ella need not get a new one.

If you have a convenient opportunity please send my white skirt and muslin dress, and one or two collars. Send me something too. I guess

buff dress Mary thinks so pretty will be the best — or if it is very warm and you send me a thinner dress I shall want a white skirt — it hangs up in my bedroom up stairs

Jennie L. Sill

I shant need a white skirt — with my shantung

Mr. Ellis'

Whitestown Thursday

Dear Parents.

If cousin Mary sent us as she intended with Sutton yesterday she has told you that I did not come here till afternoon. I found Cynthia better than I feared she was. Eddie came up a little after dark to tell for her to get a ticket at Mr. Ticket's. the [illegible] for her to the [illegible] you could not come down. It rained some last evening and froze hard on the night so that I suppose a sleigh could come tho' not very well. If you do not find it convenient to come down for Jones is expecting his friends and he has offered to take as many

things for them as he can in their sleigh and they could take the rest in the cars. I did not have but a few moments to talk with Willie but will see him today and write again tomorrow. If you do not come down with the sleigh I have half a mind to take Eddie with Agathia to visit Miss Northrop. What would you think of that? He should be quite a visitor, so is quite willing. I [illegible] that I [illegible] Tell the girls I do not [illegible] much encouraged after calling upon the Dentist. He has appointed next week Tuesday or Thursday for me to call again. I did not have any thing done yesterday.

Fannie.

New York, May 5, 1879

Dear Mother;

I would like very much to know how you are getting on at home. I am taking a nice rest but it does not seem that I can do do any thing to assist Mary - she rather is doing to make it pleasant for us. This morning she went with us to visit the Institution for the Blind - there are about 290 inmates The Principal Mr. Babcock, himself is blind and, also one of the teachers that we saw while there. Some of the pupils were scarcely larger than Callie and some were full grown. One of them, a young man, played on the organ where there were three banks of keys, and two banks of foot keys and I dont know how many stops — 20 or more I should say

- it was wonderful to see and hear him. He was a beautiful player and singer too I think tho' I only heard him sing with the rest. One young lady also played with wonderful rapidity and accuracy - afterwards two young ladies came forward and sang while the teacher played on the piano. They had splendid voices - the youngest especially clear and bird like, I should judge them to be about 13 or 14 years of age - At the close all the school sang together "Good Morning." I wish you could have heard them, mother, it would have done your heart good. There were also two little girls about 10 yrs of age who came forward and read part of that chapt: "I am the true vine" &c. It was wonderful to hear them and would almost think they would forget their blindness in the fullness of their joy in being able to learn so much. They did indeed look happy and neat - and pretty, very many of them. We waited to see

them go into dinner and it was a pretty sight — many did not seem to find their way but walked or rode along without fear. In two weeks from today they are to have their anniversary exercises in Steinway Hall. That will no doubt be exceedingly interesting. I hope Wm and Sara will be here to enjoy that or if they do not come that Anna will. — Cynthia has had no ~~bad~~ bad spell since Sunday when she had a hard one. She eats a good deal and I think is feeling pretty well. We are going this afternoon to Mrs. Tompkins and it is time to start.

Mr Scott is the only boarder Mary has now — besides the two ~~Mrs~~ that take breakfast — and their Sunday meals. Mrs Lindal's daughter is sick and therefore she is gone.

We want very much to get another letter from home — hope some one will write soon — Have you heard

from Eddie to know when he will be down? It would be very pleasant to have him here while we are but I suppose that may not be. — How does Lewis get on in the office.

Wish Anna would write about what things she wishes us to take home as I have forgotten — I dear the girls are waiting! Good bye — with much love to all — and forgetting Mary Jane, Frank and Lewis' family all —

Your daughter
Jennie Everett

Dear Mother

We were much delighted yesterday to receive such a good family letter — we also had one from Eddie at the same time — it was almost like seeing you all and having a visit. I answered Eddie's letter yesterday but as Mary had arranged to take us to Mary's I had no time to write to you also. We are beginning to think of going home — our two weeks will be up next Tuesday, I know and I am anxious to know whether Lewis needs me right away — we are having such a nice time that it would be pleasant to stay a few days longer — still we are quite

willing to start next Tuesday or Wednesday if it seems best. We shall hope to get a letter before then in answer to this. Tell Mary Jane she was a very good girl for taking such a long walk that we might have that letter and we thank her. We are glad Frank had so good a time in Attica – he was indeed fortunate in being there that Sabbath. The good tidings about our dear cousins Nick and Hanny make the prayer grow more earnest in our hearts that it may not be long before our loved boys, Frank, Nathan and John Edson shall also decide to come with us and walk in the pleasant way of life. – So Miss Lewis has come home at last – she has so long been unable by reason of her infirmities to enjoy many earthly things & how we can hardly realize – great and glorious will be the change to them. – Do you know the dear ones

come home? How is Mr. Louis?

We would like to stop in Mich. and see our relatives if we could, only—what would you think of our doing so? I suppose we could. and see Mother Edith here as well, that he expects to come in two weeks or so after the first. I like the boys have the whooping cough, to think, and that may hinder him. He hoped however they would be able to make it. prepared visit here. — We have written to give up going to Westtown — this time as Mary feels it is not best for her (getting during our short visit here) We met Miss Benjamin and Miss Lawton at Mary's yesterday — they gave us a kind invitation to visit them in Hoboken and we think some of going this afternoon. I was so tired this morning that I did not get up till most 11 o'clock when I did we ran

great feat - but I'm not sure it is mean it now. - Tell Anna we had a nice time in the parlor last evening Mr. Darien and his young male ca... in all, Mr. S. H did not come at all. Say before yesterday we were at the Smiths, and while there met Mr. Ann Diaries with whom we had a very pleasant little visit. He Mrs Wish particularly seem quite reposed to have a good time mind, as Miss Jones says, & that Mr. Davies is "the right man in the right place"

I would be very glad to be home next Sunday but it is doubtful, but if it is - we could think a great deal about you then - hope the family will not be very bad then and that there will be a good attendance -

What do you think about letting Anna come to stay with May if Sam and William do not wish to come? I understood you to say that you would try to spare her in that case and I told May so - I am afraid now that I did wrong in saying so. as there is no word in reply to the letter I wrote to Mrs Dodson.

You must think I am writing pretty often especially if you do get the mail more than once in two or three days. I am hoping Annie will take this up when she goes home Sunday. - I wish I knew just how much Lewis has got - have you had my proofs yet? - We did not call at the Howards about the bottles - mean to but it

Dr. Houghton Saturday and he gave me electricity – when I placed [illegible] and then I could not hear his watch tick when placed against my ear, but after taking that I could hear it held 1/2 an inch off. He thought by that it ought to be ~~gotten~~ by using. give it a trial when he should have returned to the city after his summer vacation. He invited us to visit again in winter, if I return this way and he could tell [illegible] about it. If I of gas remain on me. He made nothing about it, and as I left it. I have not got what I needed and must go again this week. Mary had to get [illegible] (as usual I [illegible]) she had to get it changed some to fit

there and so [illegible] quite so soon as we intended - I want a boat-ride and I am inclined to go by water tonight - to N. Haven and get to St. Hadley tomorrow morning - Mary feels pretty well but tires easily and we hope the trip will do her good. We took tea Saturday with Miss Jones and yesterday we went to church only in the evening - It was very pleasant all day Saturday and Sunday, was there. You know in Utica he was going to Rochester, Truman Mary's family were well but they were without a girl and I stayed there most - too long so that I had no time to get a hat before coming from Utica, but I had no trouble. I wish I knew how you all are and whether I had better come home this way. If you write, direct 1111 Hotel Sumner St. Hadley Mass. - I would like strawberries and they are delicious. I never enjoyed anything more - with you

Mt-Hol. Sem.

South Hadley Mass

June 11, 1877.

Dear Mother,

We reached [illegible] safely
last night today [illegible]
in my kind [illegible] welcome. We
started [illegible] New York about 11 P.M.
yesterday by boat for New Haven
and got tickets on the boat through
to Smiths Ferry for 3.15 each with
berths. We rested pretty well and I
slept a good deal more than Mary
I suppose, as the air troubled her
somewhat. We reached New Haven a little
little before four and took the cars then
right by the boat. It was a slow train.
Springfield is 92 miles from New Haven
and about 15 from Smiths Ferry. After
near Smiths Ferry it began to rain

and continued till we reached the Seminary. The Ferry is on from the River and we got into a stage which was driven upon a movable platform and then towed across by means of wires stretched across the river. We were alone in the stage except one ferry lady a member of the Sem. here. Mary had quite a conversation with her and our ride seemed short. I enquired for Miss Nutting (my classmate who stays here) and found I was the first of my class to arrive.

I must close now as the mail leaves in 5 minutes. We are well and glad we came.

Mary and Jennie

Dear Mother,

You may be surprised to get a letter from me this morning as it contained such sad news from home when I left. But we must not grieve as those who have no hope. Our good friend Hugh Jones. How much I will be missed by all. Dear Mother it is my earnest prayer for you that you may be supported under this sad affliction. He was a good man, did faithfully his work at home and in the church; and I am sure to him have been given the blessed words "Well done, good and

[illegible] sermon," But it is [illegible]
[illegible] village that he is in bed [illegible],
that he shall [illegible] him never again
[illegible] preach. A little thought when
I saw him last that the end
so near. Please give my love to [illegible],
[illegible] and assure her of my deepest
sympathy. He shall miss him [illegible]
[illegible] so much - he was always so kind
and true and such a real neighbour.
I should like to have been [illegible]
and to have done something to help
and comfort them - I cannot think
that it is right not to go [illegible]
I feel that I ought to be [illegible]
[illegible] with them in their
time of expecting it!
I [illegible] you will do much to comfort
them this and the [illegible] sympathetic
[illegible] the meeting - I would like to
[illegible] home but have been [illegible]
[illegible] Monday [illegible] my return

much pleased and Mrs. F. had gone to
11th St. to tell the good news.

Tell Sarah not to try to clean the
sitting room till I'm there to help.
I am very glad Wm has been there
to attend to it. I will pay him
anything in the bill, in addition to
paying the remainder for the time.
How does mother get-along nights? I
think of her every night and wish
I could be with her. I hope you
will take care of each other
and not sick. How is
Jim and his wife? How are your
wife's strawberries getting? They are late
pretty here in the [illegible] but we had some fine ones. I got
my letter (mail) 2 o'clock and
we enjoy our meals. Yesterday we took
dinner with Mrs. [illegible] Last
we heard Dr. Yung in the 34th. I-to

Yours was very welcome this morning. I had been all the time Saturday and Sunday thinking that this morning would bring me a letter with just $5: that would, with what I have, be enough to take me home and get all I need to eat before starting, if I go this week! Aunt Mary says, worrying a good deal about the expence if I am taken ill and she fears my stay is not doing me so much good as it ought or would otherwise. I think

worrying is a chronic disease with me and that I am better than many times at home. Saturday we tried to straighten accounts and I soon it did trouble me to find that I had just $1.81 more than enough to take us home and I had not got a thing for any of the loved ones at home. I have tried to be careful but the fare and everything counts. Besides I have had to buy several things now I shall need no more as the Dr has been so kind as to make me bill. He has been very kind and what he could but mine is a very dangerous case. I thank God for my home friends,

who never complain that they
have Spoken too loud. Some way
of weakness may get them to me
tho' they can't may not. I trust you
will not be disappointed if I find
me no letter — you know my
feeling & troubles. I will be a
satisfaction to have heard
of home safe & well, &
have a pleasant day's sail
here in running Creek to my mouth
and I hope Mary is not worse for
my coming — certainly we both
were delighted with our visit to
Mr. Hadley and the reception it
received with friends there
was very kind. At Mary's suggestion
I was chosen to perform the
letter once in two years — the will
keep me within the circle of
their influence — you will
have to write two letters — perhaps
three sheets & a half of letter
paper from the absent — and so
we shall have a letter from Mary &
me & perhaps one from

of one letter into the other - still I found it took a good deal of time to write them -

Mary wrote to you about our visit to the Falls & think I must go over again before going home and as the 4th is so near I'm tempted to stay and see what New York is then - Mrs. Jones told Mary of a place to get home made bread very near here & I do see me - we have had two loaves & they proved good - they are baked in a stove 15 or so loaves at a time - Friday evening we called for a loaf, she said she had baked 100 loaves that day and they were all gone - Sat. morning Mary got a fresh loaf and we went in the evening for another - there were none left! Yesterday but noon I went & got a loaf, & there were quite a number of more baking - and more ready to go in - There is no black bread there - if there was I could come to the city, and make bread!

I am ashamed that I had so long neglected to begin my letter just like Mary did! Well, I'll be able to guess who it is from - please let me know if I do!

Kemsen January 31st 91

Dear brother:

Mother wishes me to write a line to you and request you to call in Mr Owens and order some cakes for our "donation". We will need about 75 loaf cakes and Mother says you will know many small ones we shall want; about as many as Annie got for Mr. Fisher Roberts intend giving down Monday, she will know them use. I thought I'd go down this week wednesday in company with cousin Mary, but it stormed so that we could not. We have given up coming you till after "donation". I may go down with Mr. F. Roberts, but it is very uncertain. We are very busy just now with the [illegible] last night John worked until about 1 o'clock. They have had to work very hard all this month in the office. "Donation" tickets have been coming in thick and last we ever known ticket came, and of course have delayed us somewhat, Wednesday John was obliged to refuse to print one for the Prospect people. We had the [illegible] on the press at the time and could not take it off. We shall not be able, with all our industry, to send the [illegible] down before monday. I hope you will be able to get here donation day, if it is pleasant. What time did you reach Alice the night of Mr. Roberts' "donation"? did Thomas get any sleep? We hope he has slept enough since to make up. Mary — no I guess I won't say it. — Do you remember what a sore lip she had when we met at Mr. K's? It is not well yet. She makes a great fuss about it. We hope it is getting along now. Her general health is much better since that eve. She is so much improved in appearance that I hardly think you would know her. — Sarah is still gaining. She

is more faithful in taking boneset-tea and other medicine than I have ever seen her. It seems indeed as though she will soon be well. — Yesterday was much the coldest day we have had this winter, the ther. stood about 25° below zero. Today it is not much warmer. I must close now as Lewis is waiting to take this. If you do not come to "Donohue" I hope you will write soon. We all join in love to you.

To Robert.

Jennie

Mr. Robert Worrell
Kansas
I guess I will try Oneida Co
again N. Y

Home, March 16, 1851.

Dear brother Robert:

I join with us, the "dumpling day" is coming. One short week after tomorrow - and our charming cousin, who has already commenced to nibble at the enticing bait will be fairly caught in the trap. No sad day shall that be to our sweet cousin, I hope, for many a delicious morsel does that trap contain, and many many a bright day of future bliss does its inmates. — Mary sends a note in this to her brother in regard to the wedding cake. If Henry says any thing to you about it you will of course assist him to. Let H. Give your advice in favor of good sized loaves so that she may be sure to have enough. You know we don't want a very little piece we don't have some wedding cake every day. I hope you will come up for your share, but you know best how it will be about your business. I will not advise you to leave if it will be an injury to you, we will save some cake for you and tell you just how they act. I suppose they will do it up right as Sarah has been very faithful in giving Mary lessons in the part she must take, and the sisters, no doubt, are ready to help him. If you come up that day mother says I can return with you, if not I will be down in a day or so after. Should you think I cannot be of much use to you just let me know, and I shall content myself to remain at home. — Mary tells Henry if he does not feel able to get her any to send to me I will. He will not probably ask you

~~for~~ to do it but should be do it do not be surprised. Get it and send it up before the tuesday if you can. If you can see Elizabeth and Mary before friday they will bring it up. We have written to them to come friday. They will find room by ~~us~~ in the accomodation, so we do not think we shall be able to send for them.

Father wishes me to ask you if you know where his bank book is. If you have not got it he fears it is lost. We have looked every where we thought it might be but without success. If you cannot find it you had better get another ~~——~~ Mr. Mcdonald ~~——~~ and wife were here this morning he is taking her to Western for the first time. She is a very pretty appearing person. They will not commence housekeeping until the first of April Father and mother have gone. I saw Mrs. Roberts wife, she had been very sick the past week or so. She has a very hard cough and does not leave her bed. Her sister Caroline is with her. — Sarah is some better than when you were here, but she does not get over her cold yet or rather her cough. — Mary says she would like to have you remind Sis (should you see her) to get those shoes for her that she wrote to her ~~——~~ for. I am afraid her hands will freeze without ~~——~~ that long, while we are all about it. We all join in love to you. She reached home safe and in much better spirits than when she left.

To Robert. Good bye Jane.

Dear cousin.

We are to be married next week tuesday as I suppose Jane has told you. We hope to have the pleasure of your company at the time of knot tying. Remember your promise you made me just before we left home. My head is so flustered that I no not hardly know what I've write. We are to be there before 10 o'clock P. M. Tuesday

your cousin Mary

PAID

Mr. Robert Gault jun.
Mica
Conn. to.
N. J.

Kirtland Hol. Serie., June 24, 1832

Dear brothers [redacted] your letter last evening with that money. Thank you, dear brother, for your promptness and also for leaving me in the bank till the interest became due. We hope you did not incommode yourself out of kindness to us. — Your letter, Robert, has done us much good we could but feel and say, what a good letter this is! It is indeed sweet to trust all things in the hands of God. Then we are sure nothing can go wrong. I have been thinking very much of the cause of our sister Isley. Why is it that labors are wanting in this most interesting vineyard. This is not the way with affairs pertaining to this life; if a man just now should open a field of labor by which he could get rich, how eagerly men would flock to it. How soon

would it be filled even though it were large as the whole heathen world. Is there Gold more precious than souls? "What would it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." This passage shows which is the most valuable. Let us thought of the ... must forever be enter into the work. Oh Lord what would it not be worth all ... I might be the instrument of ... souls. How much for us. Let us often remember one another before the throne of grace, and thus shall we have great strength for ... difficulty. The prayers of each other will be like an armor to protect us from temptation. I feel that I now especially stand to commune much with God as I am about leaving my school days and must soon enter upon other duties. I know not what course to take but ... the Lord I leave my lot.

We received a letter from Sarah last evening. She seemed to be improving finely and to be in fine spirits. She told us in her letter before that she expected to go home the first of July, but she did mention it in

this. I hope she will be able to endure the journey. Do you think she will be able to go as soon as she expects.

We are very busy now. My time wednesdays is taken up in learning those lessons for the day before. The first of the term before I got here. Miss Chapin has not been able to hear me till [illegible] I am very about the [illegible] to answer it before. This but had not the time. I will however try to do so and write a little every day till I get them all answered. I ought to be studying my lessons now and I hope you will excuse me from writing any more at present. We are pretty well. We had very warm weather last week but it is much cooler now. We had a most grand thunder shower night before last. I like thunder & like the wind more entirely than any other music. — Give our love to Libby and Thomas when you see them and other friends who may be interested and write a double sheet yourself. Then write soon.

Your sister Jennie

P. S.

Amtsfeuerwehr Th. R. E. fr.

Buffalo, Oct. 1, 53

Robert and Mary!

Having a few minutes to spare I can not better use them than in writing a line to you. I have had a very pleasant time thus far, not so lonely as I expected. When I changed seats at the suggestion of Libbie I found myself by the side of Geo. W. Clark author of the Liberty Minstrel. He was a very interesting companion. He on his return from a tour of lecturing with Fred. Do. has stopped at Syracuse

There I met with a Mrs. Robinson of Buffalo, who had been on a visit near Utica. She was a lady of much intelligence and sociability. Soon after I became acquainted with three young gentlemen — brothers by the name of Massey. One of them is a physician from Watertown who was lately thrown from a carriage and is now on his way to Ohio, with his brothers one of whom is a conductor on one of the Ohio roads. They are very kind to me and have promised to see my baggage checked and myself safe on the cars. They will stay here over night. Love to Abbie and Grannie. Jennie

Utica, Oct 11, 1858.

No letter yet from you. Is all well? or what
the matter is?

Jennie.

[illegible] I will have with you to help fill that [illegible]. But if it is [illegible] you will get something in my name. I will do the [illegible] as well as I can. I will finish that [illegible] and if you will by return mail let me know [illegible] for me in that way I will [illegible] you [illegible]. Let me know how many [illegible] and what [illegible] you have [illegible] and if we can [illegible] to obtain our object. We have [illegible] after our journey. Let me know by mine and a half before we start. [illegible] at the close of the quarter for you to send to me. Thirty nine and a half while we [illegible] our journey. From you I would need the [illegible] fee at 15 and tuition at 30 besides the [illegible] for my journey and the [illegible] for first quarter and our journey. — We will [illegible] not let any one out of our [illegible] on this letter. I wish to [illegible] greetings. Give my love to any friends who may enquire for me. Write again soon. I care nothing about these money matters only I thought

Dear Darling at Bradford, is a fine idea
and I am glad that you enjoy it so much. I
like it also & you to the most great. You
have evidently won in your search for health,
and I wish I could think you might find it by
visiting a good school. You seem to have a
fine opportunity for water instrument and I know
being that they would have little use to do, at
the time, than to dig you ft, if you would
only believe the [illegible] use. It makes
all the [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] since my coming here
with [illegible] rain or snow. Today the sun
was covered with down, and last night a shower
I am carried it all away. It seems now preparing
for a little more spell to make up for the cold
the last few days. The weather is more changeable
than I have ever known it, but I bet
I think a little care I will not feel any
bad effects from it. There has been an unusual
sickness this season and on account of the
[illegible] of rain, there is a good deal of damp, which
renders it somewhat unhealthy.

[illegible], 1. 6. 2. 54

Brother Robert:

Did you get my letter last week? I was in such a hurry I could hardly wait for an answer. If it is not convenient for you to grant the request that I make, just now, that need not hinder your writing. I should like a letter. I can't tell if I get the likeness, I wish you would manage some way to get Abbie and Fannie's to sit for a likeness. I should value it very much for I am fearful that I may never see them again as they leave before I come home.

We are having cold weather, Ther. 22°

let's see last night, this is a very bright clear day and I should like to have you take me to ride. Now if you just come around this way and get me the next time you ride, & Mary & I'll ride with you?

I am enjoying myself as well as I can away from all my friends, sometimes I forget the distance and imagine I am with you or rather that I shall see you as soon as I go from school. Then the delusion vanishes and bitterly I feel that I am alone.

School is very pleasant, the number of scholars somewhat more than last term. — There is no particular news. We have a course of lectures as at Utica, Last week Ralph Waldo Emerson lectured on England, It was the same as he gave at Utica two years since. Though I had heard it

before I was very much interested,
perhaps one reason was it
reminded me so much about
home.

Will you not write to me
soon? My health is very good,
I am last

Yours,

Home.

Dear Robert.

I reached home safely Friday night but I was so tired that I did not make the reason to write to you the Saturday. The horse came up very nicely in about four hours from Ottawa. We took the rest of the afternoon and evening to rule. We are all well except Mary. You remember I told you she was not very smart when I left home. She is much better today. I will know more by and by when you get along. Hope you are getting a little stronger, all send love. Your sister

Monday morning. Jennie

Brother Robert:

What has become of you this long, long time? Have you quite forgotten that you have a sister in Ohio? Not a word had I heard from or about you for many, many weeks, till last night, in a letter, Abbie says, "There has been a large fire on Genesee St. which I presume your brother will send you an account of." Will you not do so, my brother? I am anxious to know; how it occured and who were the losers. Was it any where near your rooms? I have heard so little in regard to fires lately that I had almost forgotten my old dread of such things. I remember now, how I used to fear when you would be absent a night, lest the room would take fire. I knew that if I once fell asleep, noise would not disturb me and, in all probability, I should not

awaken till too late to escape. The only way that I could calm myself sufficiently to sleep was by remembering that God was watching over me and that His arm is stronger than any earthly brother's. By committing myself to Him, any anxieties were banished and soft sleep would steal over me. I was at rest, I knew that there was no danger that He could not guard off.

Robert, I have one great favor to ask of you. Do you remember promising to send me some photographs? They never have been received and now I desire to ask you to send some more. Will you not grant my request and that ere long? Oh, you cannot imagine how I long to look upon even the shadow of some loved one. I came from home so suddenly that I thought not to bring a single likeness. Now I cannot find words to express the bitterness of my soul in view of such unaccountable carelessness. I feel that I cannot be contented to remain till the end of the year unless I can have one if no more. If you would secure my unchanging gratitude you would I am sure grant my request. When I was at Ms. Williams'

last vacation, I found a likeness of father's which I was taken from the tin. My entreaties succeeded in gaining for me its possession during this time. Then I must return it. Shall I have another to take its place? I pause for a reply."

A day or two since I received a letter from Sarah Maria. They were sorry to hear Sarah had just recovered or was getting a little better from a five weeks siege of ague fever. I fear they never will be well in Kansas? What do you think about it? When do you intend sending them another box? You must let me know in season to help fill it.

What kind of a time did you have at the wedding? Do he & my like Margaret? I do hope they will be happy.

I suppose Mary is still with you. Do you still board at Grafenburg & and are you every day gaining in strength?

Today I called to see Mr. Ford who is taking ambrotypes in this place. They look very beautiful. — I must write no more now as it is nearly dark. My health is good. Please write to me. I had a letter from Abbie Tuesday which I will answer as soon as convenient. Love to Hannah all friends Jennie.

Kemsen July 22, 1851.

Dear Sarah:

You will perhaps be looking for my humble self when this letter reaches you. I am very sorry to disappoint you but I think that it will not make much difference with you whether I am with you commencement time or soon after. I should be obliged to go down alone in the stage if I went today and if I waited a few days Henry would like me with Elizabeth and John Henry. Above, as I thought that it would not be very pleasant to go commencement unless you were able to accompany me I of course choose to go when I may have company. I cannot tell now just when I shall be with you it will be either the last of this week of the first of next. Do not expect me till I come and then you will be sure not to be disappointed. Mary came back from Boonville last evening, she had a very pleasant visit. Our S.S. class recited 324 verses sunday last, Miss Tanner said 114 of them. Henry took charge of Mary's duties. Mrs. Thomas is getting better, there is some hope now that she will recover. — John Henry is doing very well up in Mendon he seems to like the country very much. — Anna says I must be sure to tell you that your Horse-shoe Geranium is blossomed, the flower is quite pretty. We are going to wash today and I am in great haste so you must be satisfied with a short note. I expect to stay a day or two with you when I go down. We are beginning haying today. It is a beautiful day. We are all quite well and join in love to you. I hope you will continue to improve. With much love from home Susan sends her love.

Home, August 4, 1851.

Dear Sarah:

It is monday, the day of all the week the busiest, but on account of your eloquency I will allow a few moments to write to you. I suppose you received in due time the letter that I penned in Utica the day I came home; since then — but let the past be as if it were not — sufficient to say that the "Con." came out last week. I doubt not you are quite anxious to hear about my forehead and as anxiety is not the best homeopathic medicine for you I hasten to remove it. The great mountain that so suddenly arose has as mysteriously disappeared, leaving naught but a dull yellow spot to mark its place. This phenomenon has not been unattended with a little pain and the side where it appeared is still somewhat tender. Ally ☉ is yet more fortunate, the upper lid — a scarlet-hue, without any particularly unpleasant feeling, exchanged its former dull flesh color for a beautiful rich purple, which much to my delight it seems inclined to retain. Persons of good judgment cannot but admire its lovely color and I have thus an excellent talisman to discover persons of taste. There are some even who pity me and consider it a great misfortune that my eyelid is not the same color as a multitude of other lids. "O, tempora, O, mores," they remember not that "variety is the spice of life." — Enough, I think I hear you say, and I stop. "A hint is often lost for the wise." — Cousin Thomas came here last friday afternoon and left saturday soon after dinner. It was a very short visit — not long enough to have been pleasant before. He said he had been [illegible] I was very glad of it, for it did you good. I thought I lost on the day I

but as it is so wet and he forgot to take his overcoat from here I hope he will be frightened out of it. Thomas said you did not take your bath the day he was there, it was very fortunate that you had not taken it before he got there. How did you enjoy your bath now? Tell us in your next letter all about it. When have you seen Cornelia and Jennette Hebbard? Give my love to them and tell them I often think of them and should be very happy to hear from them. I have not forgotten my promise to Nettie, she shall hear from my own eye before long. Have you made yet got your black caps? Does Margaret laugh at them? Give my love to her and say I thank her for all her kindness to my sister. Love to Mr. Kellogg's family Susan in particular, Mrs Earle, the Misses Kyes, Shattuck, Mrs Thompson, Eliza Kellogg and all other friends not forgetting Aaron S. H. We are all pretty well. The children have gone to school. Father and mother went to Kinderhook yesterday afternoon and returned last evening. We have not heard from Elizabeth since I came home. They are beginning to work and I must hasten. John's health is much the same as it has been. Sister Margaret's class beat us yesterday they said 79 verses and we only 11 we feel a little bad about it but never mind "it is all in the family." I cannot say when Mary will write but I will just run and see. I guess you will see something from my pen before long but you know that I am yet your sister its not fame a dear kind faithful sister I wish I was half as good as I think I love you yet and my thoughts often dwell with you in your own dear little room. I can picture you now at present so I must go and wash. Almost too dear I think I am. How do you enjoy boy and rattle box getting. I rely on your love that such was much wanted. How did it work? Is your family all well? Give my respects to the Dr. Remember your next letter is to be written to Anna. With much love to you in which from your sister Jane all join.

Galesburg, Dec. 24, 57

Dear Sarah

Anna has been appointed one of the Editresses of the Junior Class. She is in great trouble for the others with to fill it, especially there is a great dearth of poetry. Naturally her thoughts turn homeward and she longs for that which she knows her sisters can give her. Will you and Ed be kind enough to send her something you have written, she has spoken particularly of the "Song of the Snowbird" and the "Journey to Western". She does not know I am writing now and I have thought if she could receive them by a New Years present could she

Ma ma, She is closing to
find time to write herself but
I fear she will be too late. There
are now about three weeks before
the papers will be read.

I tell Mrs Hall she must give
a very good reason before I shall
be satisfied not to have her
next year. She would have no
trouble even if she came alone,
We did not see our baggage after
we left Utica till we got here.
A gentleman comes into the cars
just before you get to Suspension
Bridge and takes you check which
you get at Utica and gives you
another for Saratoga. If you
wish to stop at Chicago the
baggage would come on and be
taken care of here till called
for. After crossing Suspension Bridge

you change cars for Slidell and
then you cross the ferry and
take the cars for Chicago. I see
you like the train for Saturday.
If you have any doubt which
cars to take ask the conductor
or the man at the Ticket
Office. You ought to be here
in about seven weeks more.
We shall hope to see you. Do
have no fear about being more
than I ought to. Think of
your having $6.00 and found and
would not go do something.
How is Mary? Have Ball fence
for Tiller to throw dirt
her much good. — in haste for

Mon. morn. — Anna is quite well this morning. We put a ginger poultice on her face last night and she slept nicely. She is well in mind. She first quite agrees with me, I think, in letting me write that she could come out here next vacation and enter the next class. She will take about two years longer to get through and it seems so long to wait for Sis to begin. She would be so pleased to be together and it seems a pity not to have her at school now. You might get a girl and so spare her without much difficulty. The expense need not be considered for she can come the same as Anna and when they get to teaching they can pay me if I need it.

Please think of this proposition and see if it is feasible in the affirmative. — We received the Quarterlies this morn. Thanks for sending them.

In haste. Jennie

Anna & Sissie.

Do. Hadley, March 24, 3-c.

Dear sisters:

You will forgive me for not writing a letter to each of you. I have not much time and I am a little tired just now. Thank you very much for your letters. I think you are improving in letter writing very much. I should be quite ashamed to compare some letters I wrote when much older than you are, with yours. Keep on, my sisters, and you will some day be much better correspondents than I ever can be. There is nothing like keeping while young. I guess Sissie, your hair is quite long by what you say. How is it? I did not see much bitterness in that letter. What did you do with it? I guess you sweetened it by reading it. Thank you much for denying yourself that walk in order to write to your sisters. Your letter is worth so much the more now we know it cost so much. I think, Anna, you must have had a grand walk.

It was so pleasant to feel that only one boost sunk down each step, and I doubt not it was raised as often as the attire descended. I am glad too it did you so much good, for besides the benefit it brought you we got a letter. I almost envied no one that, I wish I too might have held Sarah a few moments in my lap. I have been writing to her today. How I do wish I could see her. Only think, when I go home she will perhaps be well. I can't realize it, for all I have heard so much of her getting better. It seems like a miracle for her to get well, the praise we our Father in heaven for he is "the only giver" of this blessing." Tell Henry and Eddie that I will answer their notes in a day or two when I answer Lewis' letter I have no time to do it now. I expected Mary would be able to help me write some of them but she has been busy with other things. I do not know theirs to be answered now another time because I am not so glad to get their letter as the rest but because I cannot write to you all now. We were very glad to get that motherwort, we have used some of the tea and think it did us good. Write soon I must stop now or I will have no letter tomorrow. Love to you

Utica December 5, 1832

Sarah my dear

I cannot tell how you must
think me for not having written to you before
now than three months since my last letter
was written. How long seems the time! Why did
I thus treat my friend and self? for I am the
sufferer. Alas! I am ashamed to own that I
should thus yield to disappointment & sloth.
Confusion hangs on me. I cannot even
even plan the letter, but I hope the pen
will at length [illegible]

Thank you, my sister, for writing to me and
especially for making your letter such that I could
not but have had my pecuniary affairs
house at home" and the treasures stored there

Jennie

my courage might have fled at the sight of a long letter and I could not have answered it. Are you not glad you are so prudent? I am.

Robert is busy taking a gentleman's likeness. He has had good business most of the time that I have been here. He has not yet found time to take my things for Maria, but I hope he will soon. Tell Mary I am sorry she did not open Maria's letter. We are sisters and I trust keep no secrets from each other. We are well and is looking most for letters. She likes some of going west in the Spring if she does she will visit us. Will that not be pleasant. Mr. Tice is in the city at present. She is very sorry that she could not visit you when she promised. She says you may expect to see her here some time this month. Cornelia Hall has a little daughter. I have not called on her yet. Mother says that they are quite smart. The babe is, according to Mrs Sloy, quite beautiful the very image of herself. Sabbath after next we heard Edward Norris preach in the first church. He is a fine preacher. In the evening we listened

he exchanges for. My little child of 14 months. We found
father got him a Christmas present. It is a beautiful
thing with tube with fruits, cornucopias and toys.

I have not seen Mr. Hefner as I cannot tell you
any news about my school. How I hope I shall be blessed
as you are if that is all we can have. With love
to all including our married brothers & sisters.
Write soon I want to see Ella's last writing. We had a
very pleasant time. Cornelia looks quite like herself only a
"wee bit" funny holding her little daughter. It was fine sport
for Ella to say papa Hall and mamma Hall. How queer
to think that they are parents. Just one year yesterday they
were united. The babe is a fine child. They have
a name for it & yet. Ella said that Mr. Rogers had
received a letter from Dr. Gray and that he is very poorly
indeed. This is indeed joyful news. Words cannot express my
feelings to that all our friends were the servants of our Lord.
While we agree in his commands we are called to move
with one blessed point. You remember that I told you
to you about Mr. Sutphen's illness. He has gone. His spirit
is now trust with the Savior. Poor Susan! her lot is cast in
thorny places. I do not know what she intend doing. We should
remember her in our prayers. I should like to have you send
me my letters that are in the bureau drawer for I want to answer them

Hudson, O.
Jan. 25, 1856.

Sarah:

After due consideration, I think that it may "not agree with constitution" to wait for an answer to your kind letter. I am judging now from my own experience, remember. I will not tell you what a number of heartaches it brought on [illegible] to be so long without [illegible]

of your feelings, and I believe through so far you, I shared somewhat in your joys & thought—as much of you all that I could—as I know you all looked did & but I know where the important event occured. You do not seem to think it necessary to say any thing about such a trifling affair. I know enough for you to know that Sister our Brother is married. As for me some few of the circumstances met it with the event. Remember sister Jennie always had an inquiring disposition, & do not even know where to our new sister is until you home, until you know where to go. I will be

I am very busy all the time. Each day brings its own duties and so many of them that I could not accomplish half were it not for God's infinite goodness in preserving my health with such tender care. How much do I owe Him! O, my sister pray for me that act faithfully and wisely. Pray for our school too that God may visit it with his blessing. I was

glad to have [illegible] that
father did not forget me in the family
letter. It is so sweet to feel that we need
not rely on our own wisdom, but can go
played with difficulties.

I believe I have given all [illegible] how
my time is occupied while at school.
At nine o'clock we open with devotions.
Sometimes I make some remarks
upon the passage we read, and then
bend in prayer. At half past [illegible] I have
a class in Greenleaf's Arithmetic. At a
quarter past ten, I have another in Davies'
Arithmetic, or have we [illegible] calisthenics. Quarter past eleven
has recess, after which I [illegible]
minutes to hear a class in
arithmetic. Now comes mine and I take
a little rest. At half past [illegible] we have
a writing class and three days in the
week I have a recitation in Latin and
Miss Dolittle takes charge of the writing.
At two, I hear one young lady [illegible]
At half past two, a class in Arithmetic.
three, recess—another calisthenics class. Three
and a quarter—Philosophy,—Three three quarters
algebra—Four and a quarter Latin, Four
and a half close school. Various little things

usually at this time we till six. Then I rejoice to get out and take a little walk. This is the usual course of events that fill up my days. Tuesday we have no writing and close at four that we may have a little prayer meeting. There are only a very few of our pupils who have yet experienced conversion, so that the burden of the meetings rests upon the teachers, and they feel that we labor not in vain. There is a particular interest, the hearts of our pupils seem hard as stone, as the nether millstone, but I feel in his regard, "What God is able even of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham" and shall [illegible] willingness.

I must not write any more for I am very tired. Tell Agnetta I will try to answer her letter soon. I am a very bad letter writer and am much pleased with it. We have had some very cold weather but not nearly so much snow as is usual at Dayton, though they say it is a great deal for this place. I have heard nothing from Elizabeth this long time. Do you ever hear from her? Love to all. Write soon. Remember letters from home are highly prized

Yours truly, Jennie

Near Fem. Col. April 26/58

My dear Sister;

I am so sorry that yo
worried so over that letter of Jennie's
to Eddie; I don't know what to say
about it, for Jennie would not let
me read the letter, and I don't k...
what was in it. But I do know that
I was a little homesick then, and poor
dear child, thought she was trying to find
effective means of coming ... I am really
ashamed of being so foolish & wish
Jennie is so good to me, and you
both so often ... but it sometimes it

seems as though I couldn't help it.
You will forgive me, won't you Sarah,
and don't, for pity's sake, cry over
any of my letters. I can certainly sym-
pathize with you in not liking to write
letters, but it is much easier for me
to write from here than it used to
be when I was at home. I think
your new calico dress is very pretty; how
is it to be made? I am glad mother
has got a travelling dress; does she think
of coming out to see us? — I think it
too bad that Pierce & Owen went through
Chicago without coming out here. Have
you heard from them lately? How long
are they going to stay out west?

I should love dearly to see that
little "lamb" of yours, tell her to take
good care of it till I come home, and
then I should like it for a pet lamb.
Has he blue, green, or red hair; is it

curly as straight? Can you not send me a specimen? Tell Robbie his aunt Anna would like a letter from him, as (Isn't that it?)
his father and mother have no time to write. How I should like to see the little rogue. Tell Eddie I am very sorry that "he did not succeed" when he attempted to write to me, hope he will try again, and do better next time. —— My music teacher, Miss Swetland, is going to leave us to-morrow. I think this has really made Jennie mad to go too. She has seemed very lonely and homesick for the last two or three days. Mean she has been at all since coming here. It is quite discouraging indeed. Several of the girls have left lately, some to teach, and some, I suppose, on account of the hard times. Our drawing teacher left this week, because she could not get enough pupils, so our family is

now quite small. But I hope Jennie will feel better when we get settled again. Saturday we spent the afternoon at Mrs. Yerby's, about a mile from here. They sent their carriage after us and the two music teachers, and brought us home in the evening. We had a pleasant ride and a good time. — One melodeon had the honor of going to church yesterday. I think it behaved very well for the first time. — We are much obliged to you for that shawl pins. They are very pretty, but I dont know how useful they will be. I had a letter from Sarah Amelia a few days ago, intend to answer it soon. Give my love to all the good folks down home, and write as often as you can to

Jennie & Anna.

Where is Lettie now?

Oct 15 1895

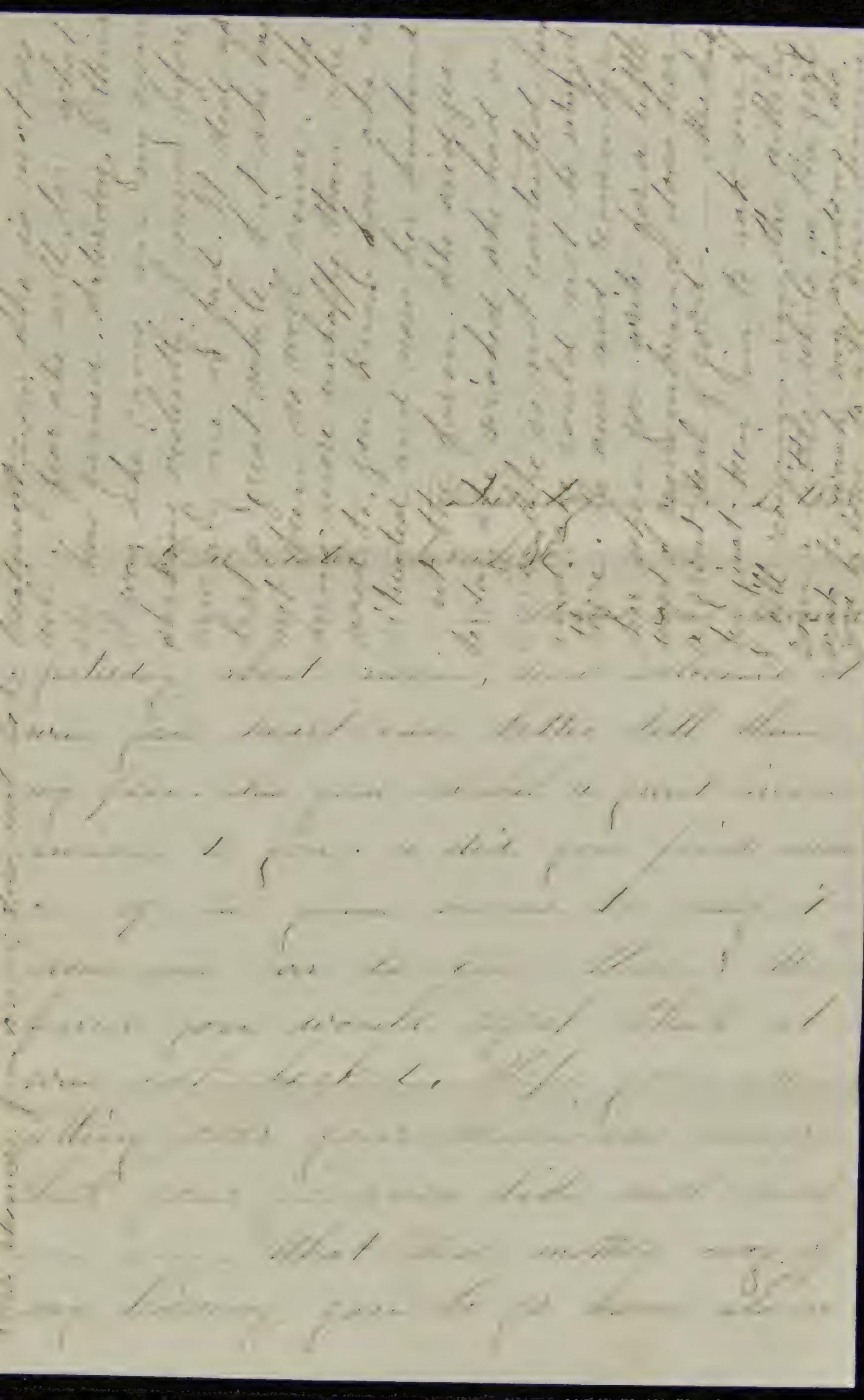
Dear Sister Sarah

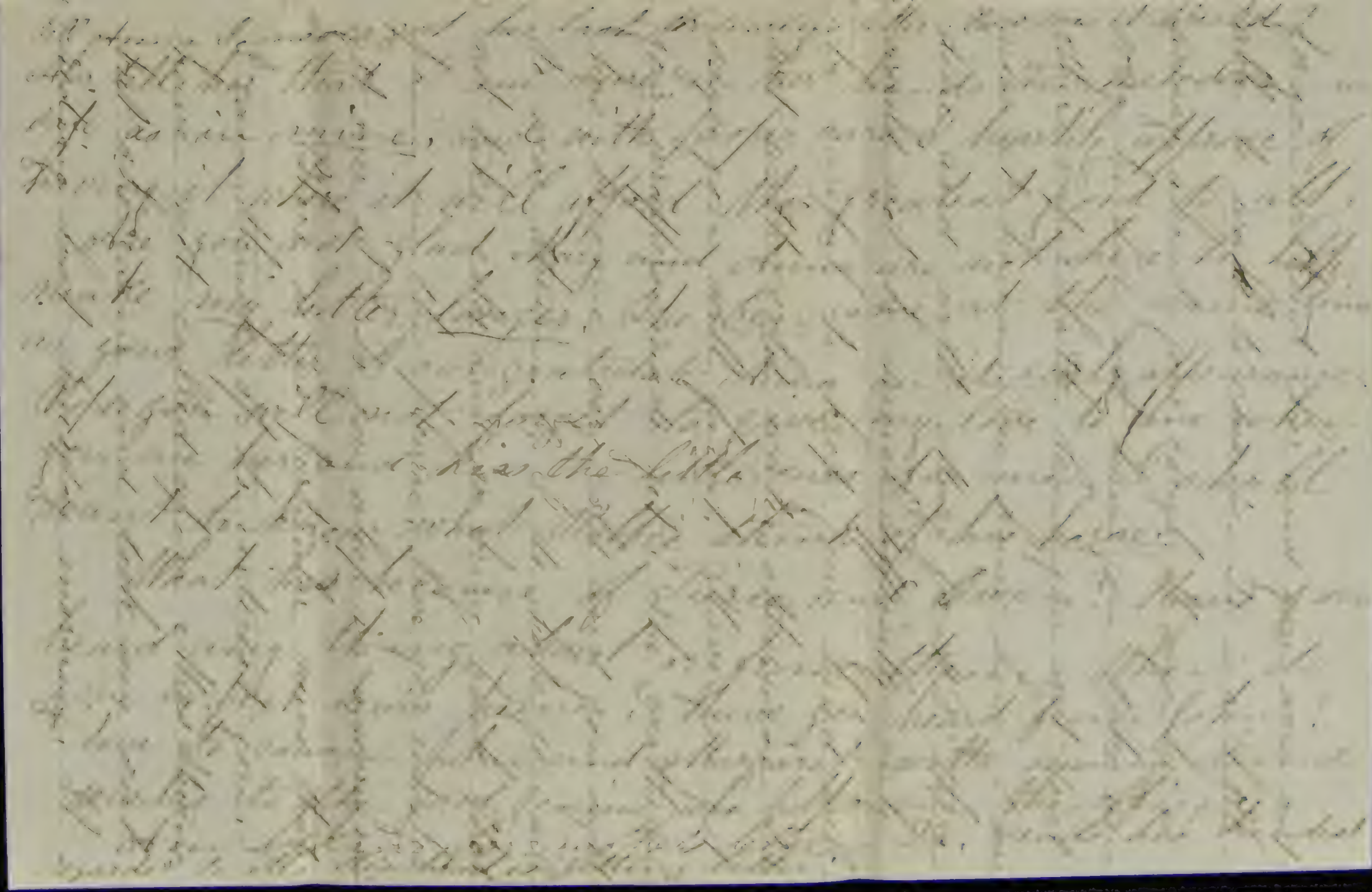
I recived your letter last evning and was as glad to get it as little Katie was of her letter Monday Mother and onie and myself went to Thomas Abrhams Tuesday Mother went to see Mrs Lias Jones in the evning we went to see Mrs Griffith baby she is no beter and Wednesday night came to get Julia down feels quite well she is a geting fleshy and she had got a nice green chest pin a present from a young man and we plague her a good deal little Robie as we meet going up down William Roberts ocen and he wanted to get them to go a riding with Andy now he is full of it as ever no news from the boys We are all well this is like my new aprons

from Jane

We be much love to Jonie and babe

I expect mother and Don down
to day





Rome, Aug. 4, 1854.

Dear Sarah:

We have not heard from you since last Monday, a long time it seems, but perhaps no longer than we ought to expect while you cannot write. We hope you are still doing well. It is Saturday, and we are expecting Mary and Lyman home tonight with Hart. They have been feeding the sick at Utica. I hope they have enjoyed it, for my part, I like to stay in the country. I have been home almost two weeks, and have well used the time, eating and growing fleshy. I have not done much else. You would know it were only truth - if you had heard another yesterday ask "does my daughter take enough exercise?" For my shame, I went out for a short walk.

Jim came home last Sunday, bringing little Henry with him. He looks rather thin, as though he had seen warm weather since he left us. His health is pretty good and already the pure air of these hills and Mother's bread and butter have begun to renew his flesh. His visit was quite unexpected. But be a little mistake we owe it. Father wish to know, while on this matter, his visit to you, and mentioned that Sarah was sick and no other help to be had. I [illegible] it right it was his duty and being

uncle started in haste to see her. You can imagine his joy on finding her well. Having come so far, it seemed but a step home. I do not know how long he will stay, I hope quite a while. Hanky has got to be quite a little walker. He looks bright and healthy and can say "kitty" quite plain. He calls birds, dog, cats and all "kitty." We all think him a very promising genius.

Mother has just warned me not to write you a long letter, so I must leave the rest till another time.

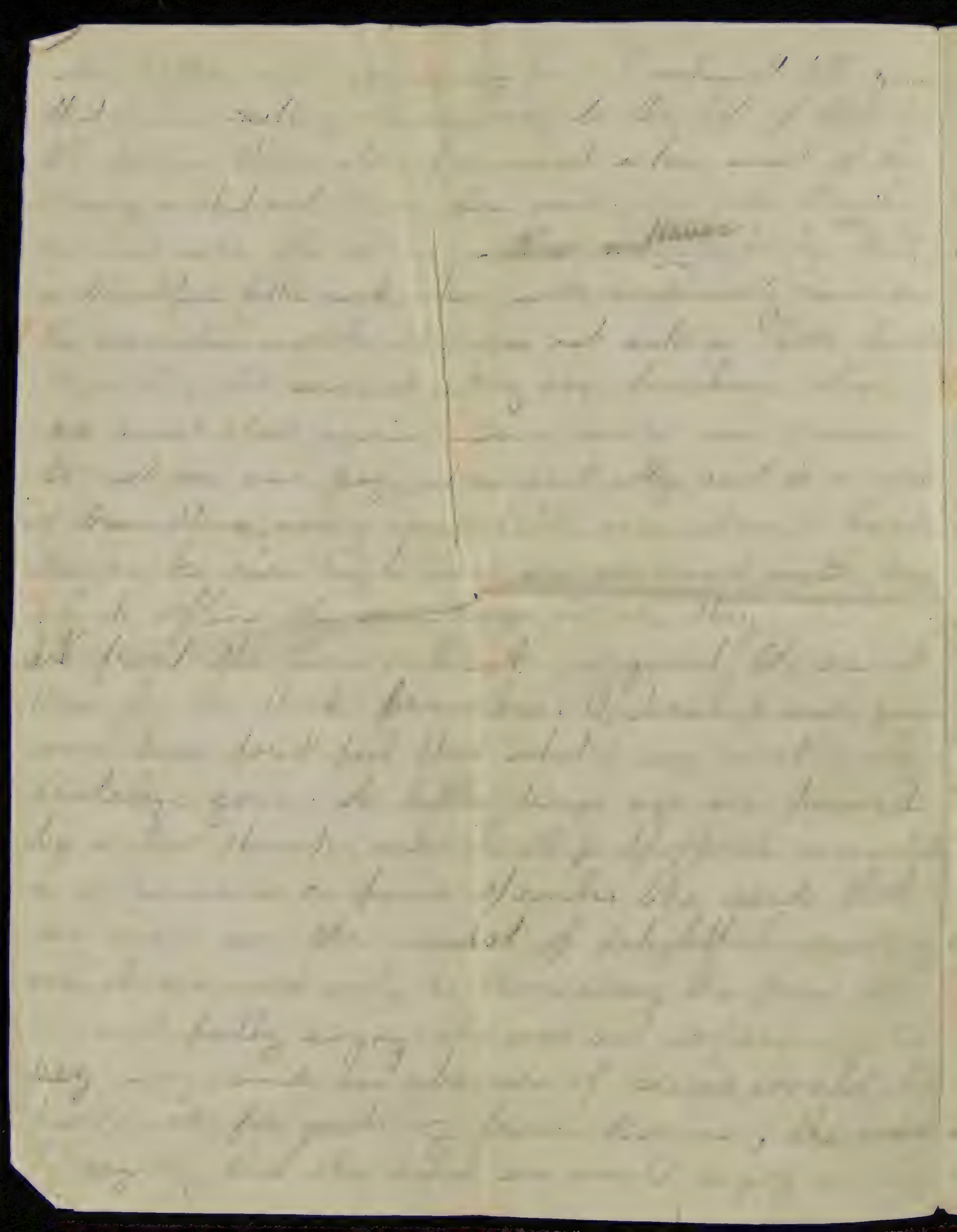
Anna intends to commence her drawing class this afternoon. She takes a room in Mrs. Taylor's house.

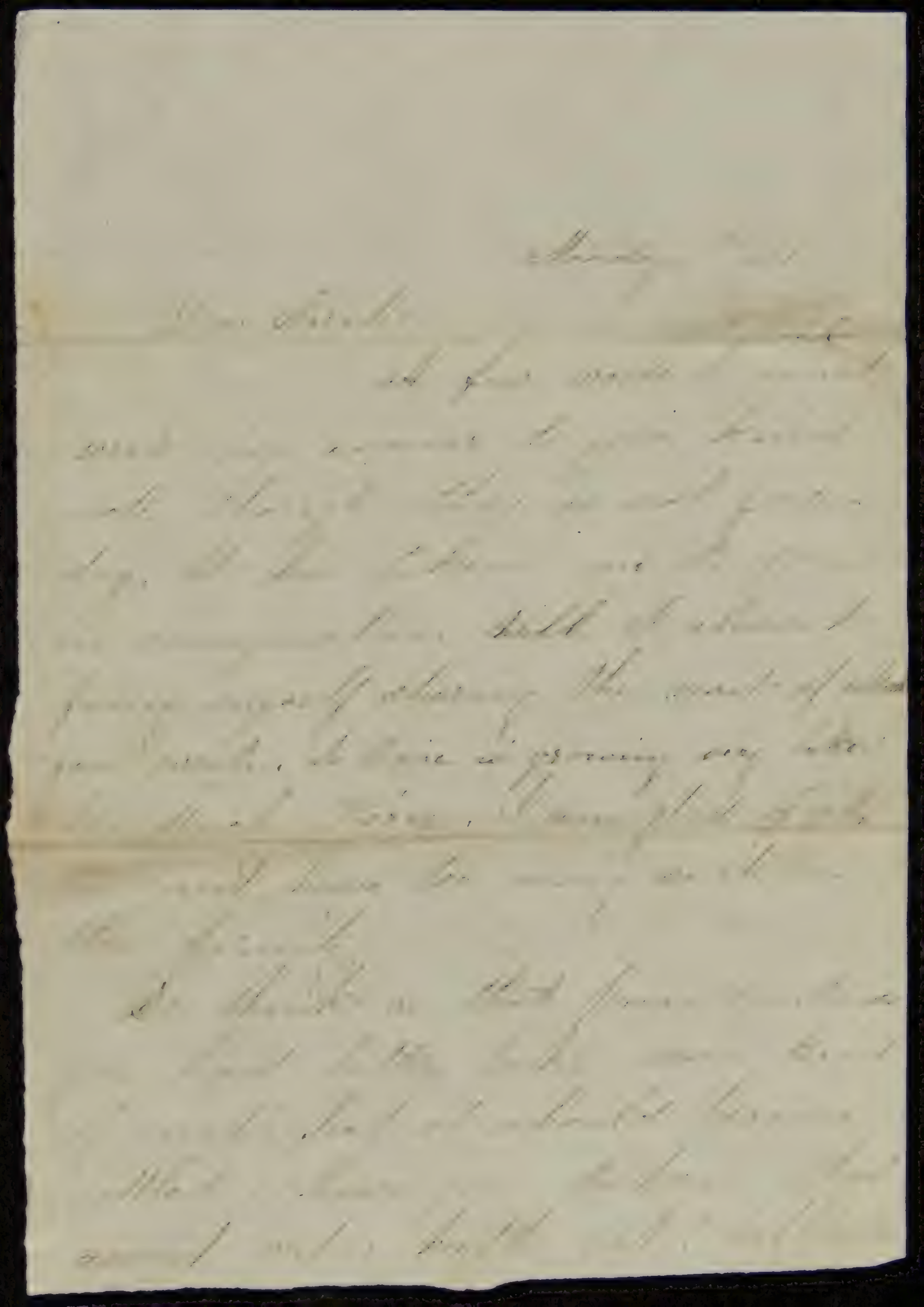
All well and join in love to you.

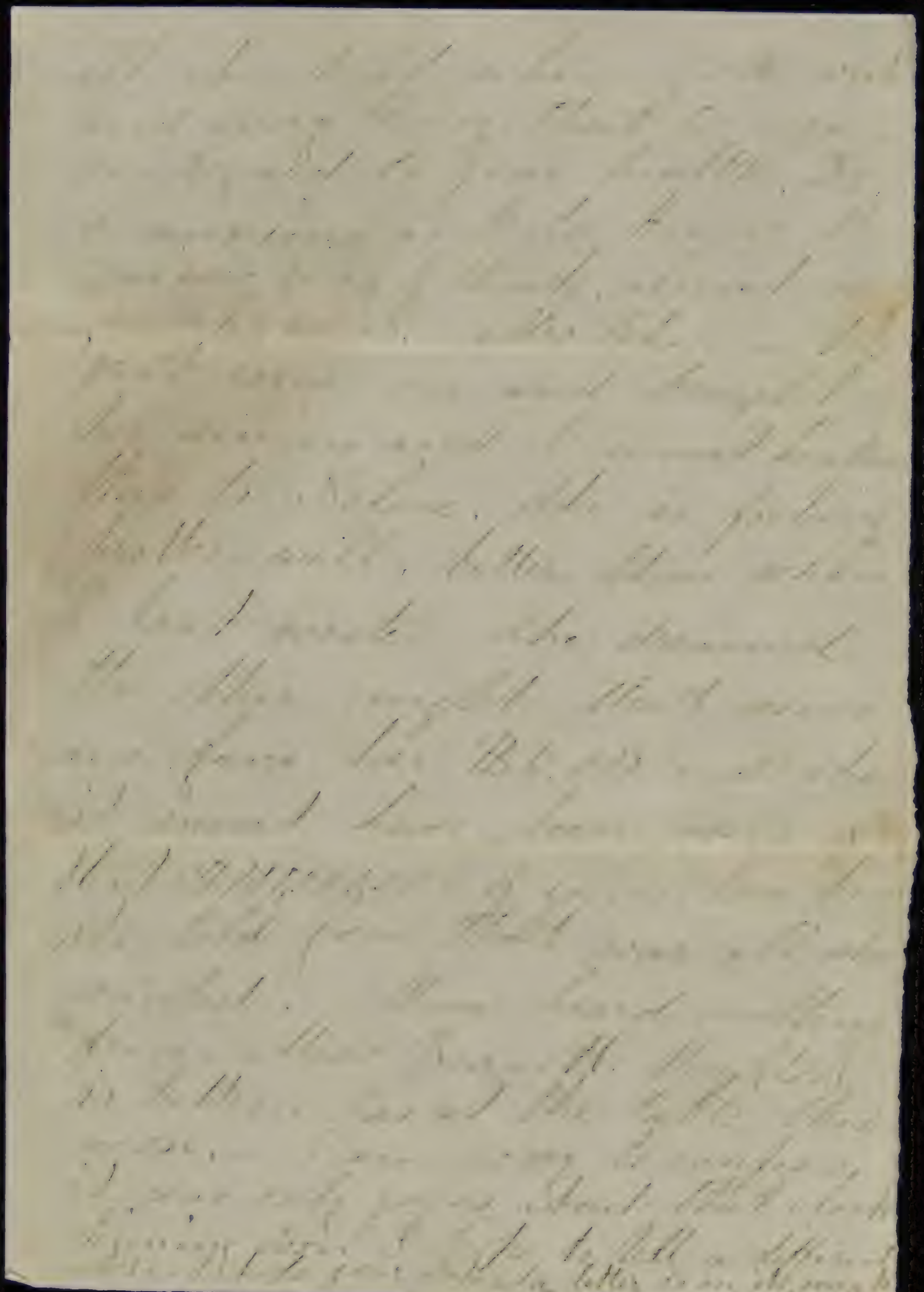
Jennie.

[illegible]

[illegible] of Romans. "So that they are without excuse." The object of his [illegible] to show that the existence of God is known [illegible] natural nature. As also it is proved by [illegible] intellectual nature. Without [illegible] still be inexcusable if we did not believe in God. The [illegible] was [illegible] by [illegible] from [illegible] "He will not let my foot slip he [illegible] Abelek." This he said he thought meant "[illegible] He spoke mostly of the efficacy [illegible] that they [illegible] thought from this [illegible] A. S. S. This evening we had a very interesting [illegible] the particular subject [illegible] among [illegible]







1892 LIN FEVER [DIARY]

A leaf from my journal to Jack.

on with a fresh copy I might [illegible] I [illegible] of
[illegible] with view of his [illegible] strength at [illegible]
[illegible] binding us together and [illegible] [illegible]
it [illegible] [illegible]. May it ever [illegible]

S. Findley, Esq. & Co.

[illegible]

[1853 b/w Feb 18]

A Leaf from my journal for Sarah

1855

Dear Sarah.

John Henry is on my knee now he wishes to send his love to aunt Sarah and I will let him write a little. Love to aunt Fanny & you. We had a good day. He wants to see you very much.

I fear you are expecting me every day and of course are often disappointed. The blossoms of late when blighted make a sad looking bouquet of which I doubt not you are already quite tired. But cheer up, my sister, "all is well that ends well," your long disappointment will I think end the first of next week in seeing mother or me enter your room. We did intend going the last of this week, but we were so busy with the hay that it was difficult to leave. Yesterday it was too wet to work in the lot and Elizabeth & I thought of going there or you should have had a letter, it commenced raining however just as they were preparing to start and they were obliged to give it up. We are or rather they are very busy with the Corn just now. They are finishing the last side of the first forum to day. I have not had my tea so far this week but I think I shall have to. I have but very little time to write as the flats are waiting for me to carry corn & it is Friday. I made tea and rice pudding yesterday. I wish you could have been here to eat some, but I suppose that you have enough of such things at home. If you were here they would not last with you & I to eat them. I have my time & Jesse and Lizzie have visited us to day. You and Mr. Wood and would let us hear from

you. Father says I must not think of writing more than a few lines so I shall stop. Our class is appointed to say the ten commandments next sabbath I am sorry now that we have counted them this summer. With much love from all I close.

June.

Knox Jan. 6. A. 1872.

Dear sister Sarah.

I have just been with Mr Briggs and now I must write you a short letter before I stop. Jennie has gone out this afternoon, and I am left alone in our little room. I wish you were here with me, and we would have a good talk. Jennie is not very well, and I hope her ride will do her good. She has a good deal to do, especially now, since the meetings have commenced. Our meetings are very interesting. There is, I think, a good

deal of interest in our school, quite a number of the young ladies seem anxious, and some of them have, I trust, given their hearts to Christ. Yesterday in addition to the other meetings, a Union-prayer meeting was opened in one of the largest halls of the place, at twelve o'clock. There were a large number present, we have not been able to attend, as we have a little meeting in the Seminary at the same hour.

We had a good long letter from Sis night before last: they were pretty well. Have you heard from John lately? we do not hear any thing at all from them. I wish you would let us know what you hear from them; we like to hear all about them when you write. Franky must be quite a boy by this time. How I

should like to see him! — How do Bobbie and Ruby get along? Tell Bobbie that his Aunt Anna thinks of him very often, and wants to see him very much; and he must not forget her. I am going out to walk in a few minutes with Miss Smallwood; we are going to get a couple of <u>bundles</u> to plant some orange seeds in. I will send you two or three seeds in this letter, and want you to plant them and we will see who will have the best tree; will you?

Is Aunt Sarah at our house now? if she is, please give my love to her. I would like to have another piece like mother's new dress, as I could not find the piece you sent before.

When is cousin Lottie now? If I knew where she was, I think I should be strongly tempted to write to her.

Dear Lizzie! she was so well a year ago. I can hardly make it seem as though she was gone from us. How short our life is; we know not how soon we, too, shall be called. Let us seek to be ready at any time. We are only staying here for a short time, soon we shall be called away.

I can write no more now, as it is time for me to go. Write as often as you can, want you, dear, and we will try and do the same.

Much love to all from

Jennie & Anna.

To the well-beloved Sarah

Greeting—

Our hearts are sad in thy absence but at thy return the cloud which hangs over us now will brighten at thy coming.

Our mother too has left us and gone with our dear father to the far off city. Think of us, not as lonely, but looking forward to Monday as a day of gladness.

This afternoon, I went to the village by the most ancient method of travel known.

Now adieu. Love to all

Jennie

To Sarah.

hides the luck of fate." So much, I am not big to tell the evil. But when it is lifted, it is then I do know where I shall probably be next year, I hope to decide whether we shall spend our ship next vacation, if the [illegible] was strong against my being here another year would it not be best to visit [illegible] before going home? Ask our father and mother, it is but a little ways from here, and we could go very easily.—

If [illegible] you have never been told by us what are the nature of the difficulties here. A part of the Board are [illegible] Arians and [illegible] determined to have a Pastor who is of their denomination. They have now a majority of one

which gives them the power,
if do such horrors but they will
decide to turn at all events
himself from among the Saints
in which case only [illegible]
at all. Can this [illegible] is
found in the usual [illegible]
ought to be a [illegible]
ment, and the Standard ought
that a few facts should be com-
municated about members from
his church simply on account
of their entering into that
kind of thing. If his power
fail, that is [illegible] and [illegible]
him, he may have many com-
plaints and besides they may
not elect him after all. If
it [illegible] certain, however, that
the Standard will have
the Gil is bitter against him

The whole city is divided by the college boys, and some will not attend the Union Sunday Meeting, because they cannot unite with those of the other party. Last Sunday Mr. Blanchard had a meeting in our church to talk over the difficulties and devise some means to settle them. He took as his text the first three or six verses of the 4th chapter of Esther. He is a good preacher and almost the first thing he said on coming forward was that he did not believe he should be here next year. He also spoke very unkindly as did also several others. Pray for these things that we may be prepared for the worst.

Yours truly
Libbie

Dear Sister Sarah: Sat. evening.

Imagine me writing here by my little table with my desk in front of me and you home with Sarah & Jim and me at your bedside. I wish I could be with you and sympathize with you. Pray dear sister to take new courage as you are about to use Dr. Hale's remedies. When you were very sad in your little note, I was very sorry for you, it made me sad too and I could not help crying for you my sister. I hope you will soon be able to write to me, but do not attempt it until your head is better. Get Anna to write for you. She can sit by your bed and you can help her to ideas. I wish she and Cynthia and Edward would try to write to me I would write them a long letter in return. How is Anna's health now? I am very sorry mother has gone to help her, I fear she has had trouble it. When was Mary home last? How I should love to sit by your side and tell you all the strange things about this school and all my thoughts. I had a very pleasant walk this morn. saw the sun rise it was beautiful have not seen such a sight before since I came here. Shall be glad

who were members of the school last year are to be received into the church. Next friday afternoon was the day for preparatory lecture. We are all expected to attend so must not go out ball that day. Heard a very interesting meeting friday, the subject was the narrative of Esther, whether there were not others in the days of the church who hindered the work of God. Next monday is to be observed as a fast day. We shall have no school and it is earnestly desired that all should observe the day. Tuesday our new semesters commences and friday morning the term closes. I do not know why they begin the series before the next term unless it is to be all ready to go to work then. I have paid out about $18.00 for books and do not know how much more I must spend. We are all required to wear flannell which cost me 45 cents. I have used all the letter paper that I brought from home and bought this quire today. We use a great deal of paper here. I must close now for it is getting late and I want to write a few words to Sarah on the other side of this. Write to me before long dear mother, with love

they were well,
Mr. Butterhead
gone to Boston for
a few days. - I
shall see him next week at
Mr. Barnes' the first
- have got this month
- there, milk 5 cows
and make cheese.
I intended to give
you some account
of how they made
it - but when I
got there I found
I could learn
nothing about it
as they were so busy
there was no time to seek
information, so I left
the

Tuesday Evening

Yours of the 20th inst. was last evening received with the $25 in demand notes and $5.50 in gold all safe. The demand notes are only at par with us but there is a premium of something about 40 percent & being upon gold & will have it exchanged and have the money as you direct. I am sorry that those remits cousin Alexander sent did not reach you in better condition. Will they answer for you this Summer or do you wish me to try to send you a box by express this year of such as I get from the farmers. Perhaps I shall know when I come to read your letter over again - I only read it once sit in the garden where I was working when mother brought it to me. We had a load of friends (Mr. Amos' young people) come for tea evening (visit) right afterward. so that I did not get a chance to read it again and now I am writing half dozen in my bed room that I may send this with Eddie, when he goes to take the milk to

the village to the factory. I believe I told you that we send to the Swiss factory (Sundays excepted) and that Eddies goes night and morning to carry the milk for us and for Hugh Jones, Mary Roberts and Brother Davis. They make cheese at the factory from the milk of about 500 cows - there is also a factory Under the Hill where they take the milk of about 300 cows. There are also a great many Ameri factories in different part of the county now in operation - one in Holland Patent. Eddie says they are paying 1s. for this present curd. Cheese is 11¼ per lbs at Remsen Factory - I will try to do the best I can for you immediately by getting what I can now and have them ready to send soon after hearing from you to that effect. We are getting through the last work on this month's Cheese today - hope to have it off tomorrow morning - The children have been very sick at Lewis' with diphtheria especially Robbie but they are all getting well again now - Jesse Lee had it also.

We are in usual health - were very glad to hear again from you - It must be nice to have such early Cherries as you mention but we rather object to have had a cold season so far till within two days - now it begins to look like Summer. Crops look well and I believe I will close - We must write from Utica at Saturday last

Journal for Sarah.

June 21st We have just had a most refreshing shower & has been especially warm all day and the shower has rendered it very pleasant. We is now about sunset and the birds are gaily cheered by the lingering rays. Soon as the gentle zephyrs waft back and warn to say "we will soon visit the earth." & yet we will have another bright & beautiful day as things they enjoyed the effects of the shower. We has felt much better prepared to study by it. Sarah is in the village of the dead. We do not generally bring them in till after supper and of course Sarah is doing about them while I am writing but just it seems before supper & now the hours running away we must in, we dont like to in all haste, but my short evenings will not enable me to get them in before supper. Sarah & I have just been of the opinion to be ready at table. Mary went in to take tea with me the rest the minutes and got a most to find quite a time gathering them up and then we had to take the last of many things & and after supper they whose turn it was to wash up the dishes & we had to help them we started at the table & the evening

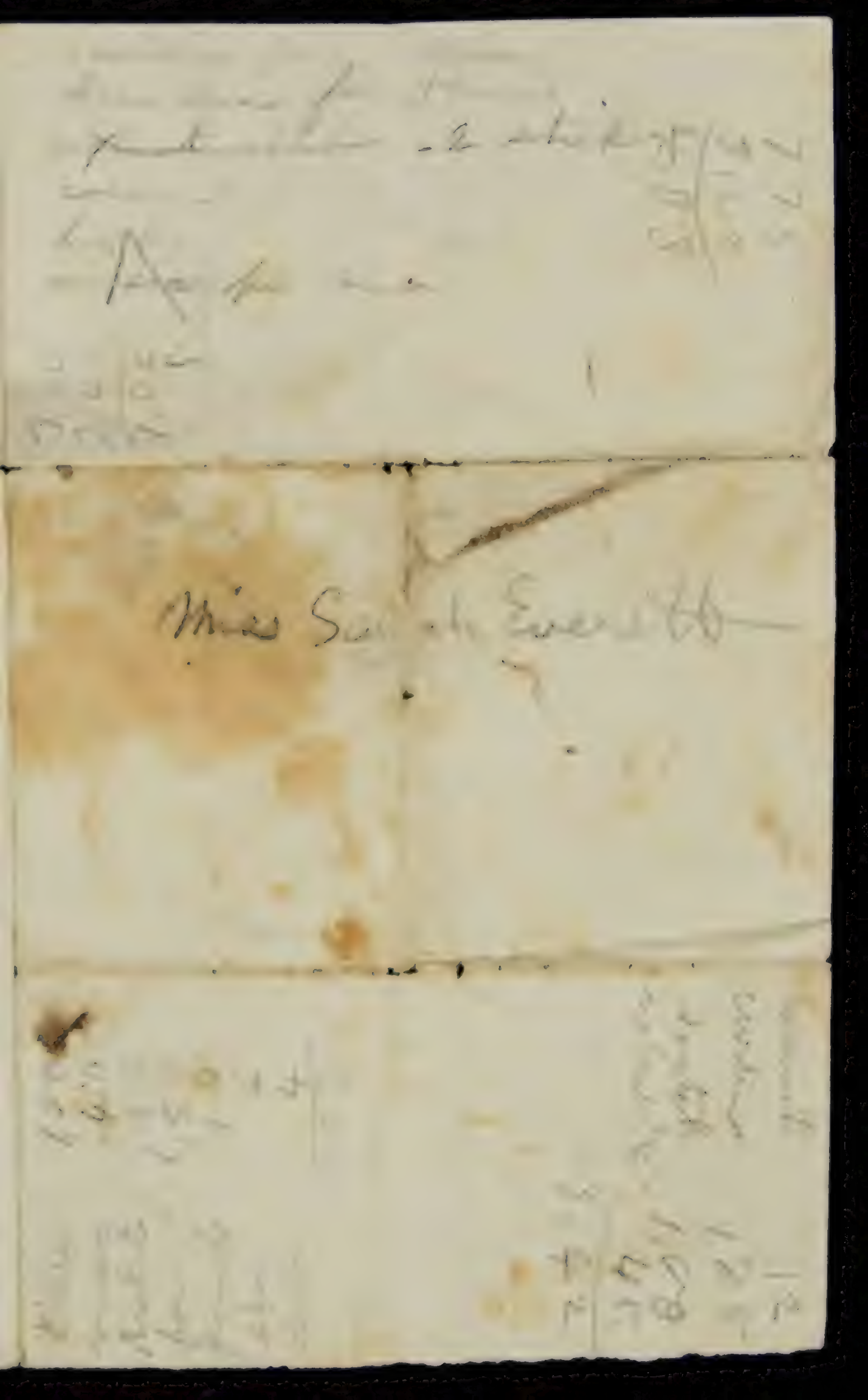
We wrote a letter to Sherry which we expect will go
to-morrow morning. We also sent out your picture
and a letter to Hattie. Hope you will receive
it. Mary has been quite busy sewing on her
barage-delaine dress. She has got it most finished.
I have been working on a [illegible] dot very fast
I suppose you think that quite necessary for
a school-girl now. I can write no more now.
Mr. Sidell is very busy to-day so I must
tell you of his every day doings. He is quite
quiet to-day. The principal has come to-day for many
families came. But We only would by have two
little [illegible] here. I have just returned from my walk
it was a delightful one I assure you. So much for
that the parching sand has been mastered. Mary
Mary Anne accompanied me. We saw many things to admire.
One was a beautiful tree which Mary called
a "umbrella" it [illegible] just [illegible]
a moment to enjoy a flower which Mary brought
in and then Mr. milk-man came bringing me my
a day and forty qts of milk. It is so dark that
I can scarcely see. I have been quite busy today trying
to copy some pictures on Miltin for John in addition
to my other duties. Our weekly meetings were this eve
Mary feels quite lonely today. Did not study yesterday.

I am joyous just now. Belle is well and in fine spirits & are also well at home. Ol did not write to me with this but that your report I am sorry that I cannot say I am well acquainted with [illegible] much for her beauty at least. When I first saw her she had shorn her head of its natural [illegible] ly never did short hair so gracefully adorn a more beautiful head. Her face was lovely and her manners sweet. [illegible] lovely in [illegible] is in her form, I [illegible] think that is bad at all. You ask if she is good. Why yes I [illegible] She is very [illegible] lives in an ideal world. She is [illegible] of their [illegible] imaginations. She is [illegible] feelings so [illegible] know all [illegible] their sorrows to [illegible] with that [illegible] interest her. One [illegible] will [illegible] manifesting herself by [illegible] She is a great pity, it will [illegible] some one of a different cast of mind. She is enthusiastic and when anything [illegible]

Orion
2/13/69

Dear Sarah,

The reason I
have written you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]



ones. It will not
be necessary that the
lines should be wide
enough to cover the
whole of the window
frame - the sash is 2ft
6in wide.
Would it not be well to get
a line affle or some
thing else which you
think would be ac=
ceptable to Owen. - Lewis
was up there yesterday
and he says Owen's sick
down and back there
& says was owed too much
but how, he got very

tired, and have not been so well since.

We are all pretty well. Mary is better. We did not work on account of the funeral of its giant. The Lecture for Charity ends and it will not be a wonder to you Anna would like one to attend. Love to all. Jennie

16 – We have received the parcel that Father is going to the village and as he is most ready I can write but a few hasty lines. We very much hope that he will bring a letter from you as we are anxious to hear you arrived so safely on the way down to the village that I have regretted very much that I did not stay at the depot to help you into the cars. We hope you had no great trouble with that heavy basket and satchel.

Mother thinks you had better get you a shawl - and if you feel very cold and can find some furs to suit you I think you had better get them, mother I like better than the girls' and if you think the same and they have some get them and tell Eddie to charge to me, I think I can pay him in January if that will do.

Sarah is on her bed today - she is not very sick as yet, and we hope she may not be. Yesterday David Price and Hugh Jones came and helped Lewis put up the Stoves - So we are comfortable warm, Last evening John Eddie and I brought in the

plants into the sitting room - some of them were frozen Saturday night. The black Lily fared the worse of all. - Yesterday afternoon Robbie and Mrs. Price went round our district and collected about $8.00 for the sufferers in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Anna found the inclosed collar on the bureau in the front bedroom - will you please to enquire whether it is not Sarah Lyman's.

How are Eddie and Mate and the pet lamb? We want to see them all so much.

Hope you will have a good visit and not take cold. We have had no family letter since you

went – last evening there came a Catalogue of Bates College from Dr Butler

Anna is not feeling very well this week – She is setting lounge now reading – the rest of us are pretty well and we are getting along so much more comfortably now we have the stove up – we did not shake the carpet – the.'

Have you seen Ernie? Maggie says it is so lonely without him. Give very much love from all to him and to yourself and Eddie and all. – Please get us some furniture tacks we want them to nail the listing on the lounge they expect Fanny down to day – Jennie thy sister

Dec 1 married a year. Gypsy Gunther and father will find it hard to be parted. I'll be glad to see you all. The boys are now [illegible] of the load. The Swan came to Dan last Sunday. I'll be with Sarah [illegible] Sunday. Sarah is the horse so [illegible] and we had a [illegible] to church Sunday. Sarah is a good driver and we all had a [illegible] excepting the sleet [illegible] and rain. We [illegible] Sunday (1st no) [illegible] Sunday [illegible] Dec. 15th [illegible] have taken (5th), and that [illegible] to the [illegible] (5th) yes [illegible] home - [illegible]

I don't [illegible] to the post office Monday night and so did not get your letter till just at evening yesterday. There was a meeting and Thomas' shop of the officers of the Bible society and father went to that and Cynthia to Sam's for a little out. She was to come home with pa. If there was a letter from you saying you were not coming but—pa found no such letter so he came home alone. We supper and just as [illegible] and I, Eddie were ready to start

If you have time get - some Xmas Cards for Eddie on the way to the village to meet you as father and mother were planning and reading the letter suddenly they came to you - It was too late then to write or do anything but - Send for by Thomas and ask Tommy to call at Evan Williams to get measure of sofa chair & window - you will have to guess about how much for the arms. About money father says you had better borrow from cousin Mick for father that you need and we will try & repay him before long. We have not heard from the Butter yet - that will bring something you know. We shall try to meet on again tonight - but perhaps you cannot come as you'll hardly get this much before him to start. We shall be glad to have you home again - and hope you will never

river to where the boat was
loading with lumber. We
enjoyed our ride very so
much. Jane called her
yesterday. She said the
going home today, so I
We had a very hot ride.
Edd brought the strawberries
over from yesterday & brought
them on a wheelbarrow for
at a time, 40 in all. They
are good now in the packages

Much love to all
Be sure and let us know
if we need to send one of
us will go anyway if you
want —

Jennie Lou

Denver June 12, 1874

Dear Sarah,

We are beginning to [illegible]
if you have no objection we will go [illegible]
to-night. At the Baptist meeting [illegible]
[illegible] we believe, we will [illegible]
go there but we intend to go [illegible]
but if not it is [illegible] Miss Mary
we believe we will go there [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Yesterday Eddie came home about
noon. We have a little [illegible]
making arrangements, I think to
give all an equal chance who
there shall be selected. We
expected to take the mt. R.R.
do not know where he is, and a good
many come to make enquiries of
Edward. Mr E. has been out-

of the business for about two years, he is not directly interested. He is left quite [illegible] and is earning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

We took tea yesterday at Thomas Evans - had a very pleasant time. The day before we visited up to see Jennie (Griffith) Williams but did not find her at home. Yesterday she called here and we had a nice visit with her. Edith has just come on, so we ought to take breakfast now. We had a very heavy rain and hail storm after Jennie left yesterday and before we started for Addie's and we fear Jennie got out of the rain. Edith Somerlott.

We were very glad to get your letter Monday evening. We should

have written to you yesterday
but did not get it in time
We hope you are still well
all of you and not missing
us very much. We were sorry
to hear of Mrs Evans death. Wish
we might have been there
the funerals. Have to Mrs Williams
We have not been to the Lodge -
Sister Tedds is at home and
she is very poorly all the time
they say. When Mr. Davis went he
took his horse and drove over
to Barnsville with his trap. So
we should probably
to S. to see Sister - All is
very pleasant today and the
day of the Collinsville meeting
I think Mrs. Jones and
her mother & she stopped
and saw her Monday evening

Yours

Oct. Jan 13. 1853.

Dear Eliz:

I have at last got home! You [illegible] remember how many times I made my plans to come but without success. We came the first pleasant day after Tuesday. It was indeed pleasant when there I have got a pen at last— we started but it began to rain soon after we passed the big hill, I think, and continued raining the rest of the way. The road was not very good or very bad. We reached here between two and three o'clock without turning over once, for we had a good driver. Mary did not take any more cold, but rather left part of what she had on the way. Mother makes her take some bark before every meal. She seemed quite lonely last evening, but is more cheerful this morning. Sarah is much better than when I saw her before. She had a blister on her back saturday night. It raised very well and is coming on nicely, she says she will have another tomorrow night. She is in hopes that they will help her back. Sarah says, she wants that letter that you promised her when you were home. Why does it delay? is uncle Sam unfaithful? or does the fault rest on some one else? Walter is going to W. Patterson to day. She is going to town with Mr. Morris Roberts, to collect some thing towards paying for Bethania church. He will be at the welsh church in York Mill, next wednesday evening. I write now so that you can go there to see him if you wish.

How did you get along with your lessons

last wednesday? We shall not be able to send you anything by father, because he is not going directly to you. Mother is afraid she will not have any more butter than she will need herself. She would however send you some if she has an opportunity. Mary Morris was here saturday. She said they talked about having a donation visit for father. I dont know what authority she had for saying that. They will have one for Morris Roberts next week. I rather think we will not have one for fear Sarah is not strong enough. — There I guess I must stop, I have so many things to say that I do not know what to say first. I have not been any where since I came home. I hardly think folks know I am here. We have very unpleasant weather now. Mary asked, today, if we ever had any pleasant days in Steuben. They have very good singing schools in the village saturday evenings. Henry and Lewis sung last time. I wanted to go very much but could not. The temperance meetings, they say, are very interesting. They are every thursday evening. Last friday was held the yearly bible meeting, mother went in the afternoon, she was much interested. I guess you think this a very prosy letter, never mind, it is very blotty any way. Do not carry this up to show to sister Elizabeth or she will think I have forgotten all I ever knew. Answer this soon. Sent Henry's neckerchief up with father. Never mind if you have and he needed it, he wants it. We are all pretty well. The birds get along

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nicely. Teddy sends his love and kisses here. We all unite with them. Mary is sewing and does not feel like writing so you must wait till another time for her letter. Mother has a very good girl now — write soon both of you in great haste I ever remain

Your sister and cousin.

June.

Miss Mary H. Everett
Whitestown
Oneida Co.
N.Y.

Mt. Hol. Fem. Sem. June 18, 1850.

Dear Sisters: . . . .

To you, I direct my thoughts and hope I will receive a quick response. It is said to be ill even when cheered and blessed by the "sweet smiles of our parents, but there is a bitterness mingled with it when far seperated from them. I long to see you all, but none so much as them. There is a place, I think, in every heart which none but a kind father and mother can fill. We cannot expect, my sisters, to be always with them, duty will sometime call us from their side. O, then, seek to know and perform their every wish and you will love to review those happy moments, how often have I wished, since coming here, that I had been more dutiful. Education cannot be acquired without some sacrifice, and it is well worthy of any we can offer, when then, this object is being advanced, we should never complain. As I lay this morn sighing that I could not persue my studies, I thought of Sarah, and could but say,

I wish I was a tiny bird,
That sweetly sings its praise,
And not one note is ever heard
Of discontent to raise.

I long for the time to come when I can begin to teach. Now I feel that I am only spending, I know it is necessary first to learn, and afterwards we can impart our knowledge to others, but it seems a long time that I spend in school. Am I really improving my opportunity for advancement as much as I ought, is a question often proposed and of much interest to myself. How grateful we ought to be, my sisters, that we are blessed with kind and educated friends, those who feel the importance of properly training the mind as well as the body which is only the casket to hold that pearl. The requests of our parents have sometimes seemed a little strict, to us, I know not how you thought them, I always was wilful you know, but oh, how thankful I am now, that they did not yield to all my desires. Three young ladies have been obliged to leave the seminary this week on account of misconduct, two were sisters and the daughters of a congregational minister, I hope I may never cause such sorrow to my dear parents, that theirs must now feel.

Wednesday.— I wrote the above yesterday thinking to send it this morn, but Harriet did not love to have me write so much and so I left it to finish today. I am very anxious to hear from some of you. I have written four letters since I have been sick and I have received no answer to any of them Robert acts strangely, I cannot account for it, you know he used to be on quite friendly terms with his pen. I wrote to him last week monday and sent it thus. begging him to write immediately as I was sick, but no letter came. I sent him another last

monday, do not know what effect that may have. Perhaps he has a very good reason if so I wish I knew it. You will write soon I know, O, think, my sisters, how precious a letter would be to you, were you in my place. Letter writing is not a hard task if our heart is in it. There is nothing which I enjoy so much as writing to those I love. I am getting better and hope soon to begin to study once more. Expect to take a short ride today, hope to gain much from it.—I guess you will think this a strange letter. But, there is a time, when rose can rhyme, and write with skill whate'er they will, so that every line will seem to twine about its fellow, like green and yellow, but such a talent was never lent, to your sister Jane, except with a cane, to help her along through a crazy song, so every mistake I chance to make in this jingle, which here I mingle, pray, pass it by with a glance of your eye. I have been ill you know full well, and many a day on the bed I lay, bemoaning my lot because I had got, to leave my studies, and other loved duties and take many doses of powders in molasses, the Dr. B. I must also see. With face very long, he examined my tongue, then my pulse he sought, for he knew he ought although my flest like meal, did it conceal, he shook his head and gravely said he guessed that I must something try, but, he saith, have you faith that medicine can, by the Dr's plan, cure every desease with perfect ease? O, no, sir Dr, I said in answer, very little I believe in the powders you give, cold water is all, for which I would call, if

my parents were nigh so that I might have them till how to use it well. I believe in water, replied the Dr. but I am very sure that could not cure you now any how, and if I restore you to health once more, pray, never say in any way, that you have no trust in bitter dust. Of water to drink, he bid me not think, but a brown crust take and nibble it make a little coffee and I should see it would quench my thirst at the very first without any danger that it should injure my sick body, like water tiddy. But at length I gained no strength, and might wish to change my dish why then, one good thing, made of rice boil'd quite nice, in water much would be such as he should choose that I would use, for he knew that if I grew very hot there on the spot; I must suffer with the billous fever. As to eating that was another thing, it would do no good to take any food, while I felt just ready to melt; with a fever he could scarce discover, so the Dr. said, and bowed his head, bid me good day and went away. Of course I obeyed all the Dr. bid and very quick was quite weak, but now I am better and send this letter to tell you, how I do. So the Dr. said some credit is paid, but to nature I know much more I owe. When this you get, right down sit; and write. To me but pages three. And now adieu my sisters two, with very much love as I said above. I still remain your faithful friend

Sarah's room, Feb. 20 '51

Dear Sister:

I received a letter from So. Hadley tuesday night and hasten to inform you that we have been accepted. I am very glad on your account as well as my own that the answer was favorable or I could not have forgiven myself for neglecting to write so long. I wish very much you could spend next term at home with me, I think we could make home quite comfortable and be well prepared ourselves before we go next year. South Hadley is no place to do any thing more than keep our clothes in order besides our other duties. I know that you will lose some time by being home, and that you would have to let your friends and drawing drop for the present, but I think you and I could find more time every day to read &c. I do not wish to urge you to do any thing that would not be well for you and therefore only mention this and hope you will act your own pleasure. I should like to read Virgil again and think I shall set apart a particular hour each day for that purpose even if you do not come home, so that I shall be prepared for examination as soon as I go there. I shall try to analyze some flowers during the summer so as not to have quite so much to do next year; if you analyze any be sure to keep the names for it will help you.

I hope to see you soon and then we can talk over things much better than write them. Sarah is not quite so well as she has been, she has a fever every day. We are expecting Mother home tonight. It seems a long time since she left. We have got along very well but are lonely without her. It is quite unpleasant today and we some fear ma may not be able to come. We are having a fine time today as we have very little do. We had fried pork and boiled potatoes to dinner dont you wish you had been here. When I was cooking the pork the fat spattered up on my face and burned it a little so several days I felt quite discouraged hopes of having some sympathy from you for Mary says that I make so much fuss when only burned a little that she never knows when to pity me. I'll see you ever hear such a thing! just as though my face did not hurt me, well I should like to see her cooking just to know if she had any.

Sarah says that she is not worse only she has a little cold just now which causes her side to ache. When are you coming home? I mean when does your school close. We are very anxious to have that time come. Elizabeth will of course accompany you tell her if she dont I will send an armed force after her as President Fillmore says We will have fine times all of us together I assure you and perhaps we can coax Mary to cut up some shine then, wouldnt that be fun. Mary says if we are a going to feel bad we had better be about it before then. I think so too, dont you? Write soon and I will try to answer it before vacation and let you know whether we can send for you or how you are to get home. Love to Elizabeth and family, and accept the same portion for yourselves

your sister Jane

P. S. Mary says she will write to his very soon. Love in hope dear as your mother will come. Mary is a good girl and will keep her word no doubt. I wonder if Elizabeth would like to have me write to her if so tell her to send me a line and I will be at her service.

in haste.

Utica, June 4, 1851

Dear sister, brother & friends:

You will learn by this, if you do not already know, that I shall not be able to go home till friday. You probably remember that I promised to send a letter today if I did not go myself, I therefore write for the sake of my word though I have almost nothing to say. I hope you get along nicely and are very good children while I am gone. Remember that in order to be happy you must do right, and if each one tries to be good all will go on well. I trust you are endeavoring to learn a good many verses for next sabbath, you must not calculate on my saying many as I find no time here to get any. Try to get time to study our lesson in Acts too, or I fear we shall have a dull school sunday, for I cannot prepare it much. I suppose you think I mean to send you enough good advice to last till I go home, but do not be afraid, I will stop now and trust you will do well as you can, just a word though & then you a hundred times. I had a very pleasant ride on the cars monday and did not feel sick at all. I was very much surprised to see me & you may well think but I was glad I told him I must & not stay for my visit and I suppose he is willing to do it. I found he was not nearly ready to have the carpet sewed, we probably shall do it tomorrow evening. I went up to Whitestown monday evening to see sister Elizabeth, but met cousin Thomas by the seminary gate and he thought I might [illegible] Thursday. He had just [illegible] Elizabeth & the [illegible] I could not find [illegible] family & [illegible] time. Thomas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I will [illegible] coming [illegible] just [illegible]
[illegible] you very much [illegible] him but
May [illegible] the rest [illegible] that you all
[illegible] coming. We have just [illegible]
[illegible] have not got it help [illegible] yet. Father has
just [illegible] nothing out. I told I must go with him
[illegible] coming. He did not [illegible] that I could, we
[illegible] thinking of doing a great deal this evening, but he said
I had better go even if I must stay till monday. I shall therefore
[illegible] if and you will see me when I can go home. I
don't know when that will be. I am in a fine place
[illegible] is a carpenter's shop [illegible] and timbers and
[illegible] I think you can imagine
that it is [illegible] there is nothing to [illegible]
it. When [illegible] that my trouble, and
[illegible] coming [illegible] I don't know when I shall just
any [illegible] I [illegible] hear that mother
is ill. I think, [illegible] that his trials [illegible]
just [illegible] I had not received my letter and did not know
how well [illegible] doing [illegible] Mark you could
[illegible] him, he would [illegible] just tell [illegible] you very
much. If you do not think [illegible] any thing I write just
[illegible] think what you would say if you saw
[illegible] write it no matter how simple it is. I have not
had a chance to ask father how you get on at home
but I [illegible] you remember your promises. Father has
[illegible] and I must go. With the best wishes of
[illegible] myself for your happiness I remain [illegible]

Miss Mary A. Cornell,
Ransom
Cayuga Co.
N. Y.

S. Amory, Feb. 17, '52.

Dear Sister:

Ben excuses me for writing you a joint letter as I have not time to write one to each. I was very very glad to get your letter, it did [illegible] us all so much good for our time. I hope we shall [illegible] a little more until before it. I have been writing to visit back this [illegible]. I [illegible] her about a week ago she seemed in very good spirits and still improving. Our sister she is I trust soon to be well. Dr. Gray is now on a visit to his friends. Hope she will not over tax her strength during his absence. She writes that it is much harder for her to sit than it was before she could sit up any, but still I hope she will not have to lie there much longer. — Mary is pretty well now. She has just got rested after her tramp about home and back. She felt so tired this morn that she hesitated not to do her own extra work and a most more to make up mamas time. Now she is on the bed dearly paying for her whistle. She is not so busy as she was before being sick yet she does not seem to believe it. I guess she will soon know it, for though experience is a dear master, he will teach it, & she will [illegible] I am sure. I am very sorry for her because I know in tomorrows [illegible] will suffer for this afternoons nap. I guess she will not find time after she wakes up to write to you, so you must excuse her this time.

I am very glad you are studying with Sarah. Try to improve your time, dear sisters, and it will do you a great deal of good. I wish you could study French, you will have other opportunities to learn what you are now studying. Tell mother Emma beat, as she says, or to. Write a note to us when Sarah writes, it will do you good and us also. I think you have already improved, your last are better than any others we have had from you. — I must not write much to you or I will have no time to answer the other notes that came in that wonderful letter. Oh, that was a letter worth having so full of kind words. Who would complain when blessed with such friends as ours. Why we would almost wish to be absent that we might get such a token of their love. — How is mother, I wish she could have time to write us a short note in your next letter. It seems so good to see her writing and for her, if he only puts down his name with a little love. I am glad you like Sarah, indeed you could not help loving her she is so good. She seems like a sister to me and she will be such to you if you wish. Remember she is not only your friend but she is our friend also, this makes her doubly dear. You need not show this to her. — Is cousin Elizabeth with you now? Give my love to her. I wish very much I could see her. — Write again soon. I am as ever your affectionate friend

Ever Anna and Sissie.

[illegible]

[illegible] and I [illegible] again — the sound of [illegible]
voices. But you not think I am homesick, I feel
sad at times when I look upon so many strang

countenance, and sigh

Galesburg. Oct. 16. 1859

Sister Sis.

Yesterday came your sweet letter brimm full of love and affection. It did our hearts good, though they could not be other than sad at the tidings it brought. Our disappointment was and still is great, to know that your company is not for us. Some had not said much about expecting you till after this term commenced, but since then she seemed to think of little else. Every now and then she would plan about what Sis would do here - and then she would wonder whether she would really come. It got us some new dreams just before vacation

just alike. Anna had been made to send for paper it. (they are made basque and skirt) I have my basque finished but after there seemed a probability of your coming, I thought it would be so pretty for you both to be dressed alike, and my basque would fit you, so I have been waiting for you to know how long to make the skirt. — You won't feel very bad, will you, to find you have had a dress by not coming, who knows how many you may gain by going to Elizabeth's. I did not feel well the day I wrote that — felt I had almost said — better I should have never written it. Everything seemed dark then but the cloud have cleared away and the sun of hope shines again — — Do not feel sad about us, sister dear, let us

trust in God and all will be well. It may be much better as you have decided it. I will not both be "final exams" in the same week, which I hope you will be over; by the way, how long did you promise to stay at St. M.? Pa says in one of his letters perhaps I may have you yet, am I not quite a philosopher? —

That snow storm may be providential and keep you at home till something else happens &, till we come home next summer, and then, we, being present, will have the advantage of Elizabeth.

Do you think we shall always stay here that you and our children will be with us? Anna is delighted to think it is coming. She gets along finely with her music, I hope you

will also be able to take lessons at it. How (if you go there). How is Mary? How long does she think of it giving it up? &c.?

We are having our first taste of winter. There has been sleighing here now almost a week and change, [illegible] is the [illegible] thing not to enjoy it. There is never snow enough here to make it an object to keep sleighs regular, & Anna had a sleigh ride Saturday evening and I should think by her tell they had a [illegible] under the buffalo, for they all had to sit in the bottom close together in the front part, for fear the sleigh would tip over. But this was no hinderance to their enjoyment, I have more to fear that they were a very noisy company though two teachers were among them. I forgot to say the driver sat on a chair. — Anna is now studying her German lessons. I try to study with her that I may get it in advance if we [illegible] except music. Love Jennie!

and I suppose this must suit my will
and also from the [illegible]

[illegible] a little [illegible] and
our little [illegible] looks like light upon us
while we wait the last appeal of [illegible]
Our store has two doors on first which [illegible]
back and forth and by which we made
it a [illegible] Franklin stove at [illegible]
Pleasanton coal [illegible] it was very
very [illegible] appearance to our little room.
We have drawn our table near the fire
and [illegible] with us as we [illegible]
for Physiology. And I tell you what
we do.— We [illegible] the [illegible]
table near the [illegible] by reason of
the picture of the [illegible] for [illegible]
to [illegible] and [illegible] and by the
[illegible] what you [illegible] thing that
[illegible] must [illegible] it [illegible] with
only with [illegible] with me, when it is
[illegible] with me at the table [illegible]
for you. [illegible] you will [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] it [illegible] we [illegible]

should any of my customers be in need of
for you just apply to Dis.

I must tell you a story about one
of our parish. Quite recently there
was a lady and gentleman
called to see me. She wished to enter
the school and spend two or three years
in order her education and she wanted
and she agreed to come at the beginning of
the quarter, but shortly after when
I learned that she was a young bride, having
been married just seven weeks. She got her
books and began her studies but the
image of her husband is before them
so that she can't see two years to wait
but to one week. This morning the lesson
it was too much for a little lady
with her about it, — when I left
my task is almost ended, I can only
in a better home. But I hope it will
be for a little while. Tell father that we left
in the letter from me that I
will have to write to him. Tell father and mother
Much love to all. Don't fail to write soon to me

last. Forgive me if I have again allowed [illegible] was not my intention so to do, but cousins make me so happy when they [illegible] Saturday. Thomas took us to Central Park, the New York. We took the 6th ave. cars at the City Hall, then took and had a ride of six or eight miles before we came to the park. On our way we passed the park where is always great excitement while the fair is there to go to Europe, but we could see nothing of it as there is a very high fence all around. Of course, you know from the papers that Jeff. Davis's wife is extremely ill, owing on account of the illness of [illegible] daughter. It would be impossible for me to give you a description of Central Park, containing 844 acres that are laid out in walks and drives and [illegible] it is not yet half done and we had only an hour to be there, so that of what there is, we could get but a birds eye view yet my heart filled with wonder and admiration at the power of man's genius. The rocks had to be made "to bloom like the rose," for upon this flinty bosom she laid the soil under which and the planted trees and other shrubbery. It was a hard task to [illegible] the engineers (for there are three men in this noble undertaking) in all their gradual gradations of a valley and of hill placed by nature upon the rock, all of which

the bank still uncovered except when it has just been full & for a little depressed so that it could more easily clean the soil. We stopped a little to look at the small birds which are making, the entrance to which is of a small diameter but in the form of a bell. It was so built that the upper part was only a little higher than the surrounding sand,—the water in the pond will not, I think, be very deep, from the manner of the sides I should judge not more than four feet at the greatest. Of this there is within the park. It was not covered and was the only water we saw there as the fish ponds &c. are not yet sufficiently advanced to receive water. When this park is finished it will be one of the most splendid in the world & embraced with the water of the Thames flowing through it. Besides this there is a highway along the park, besides this & the bank of the Thames, the sides of which are to be planted, it will be quite below the surface of the park and will be crossed by stone or iron bridges. There are to be roads for walking others for riding and still others for horseback riders. We saw several gentlemen and two ladies on their horses & little streams were even surface prepared for them upon the most elegant order. It was nearly dark before we came to the end of the park that we had to walk a little around our way and as I began to feel very sorry for my father and quite tired I was glad to get into the Coach which conducted to the Cars by which returned home.—Sabbath Gilbert, her brother Dr. & went to hear Dr. Thompson,—I did not feel well these days of the Sabbath—intended to be in a few days. It was so rainy Friday & Sat. that I did not go to D's so that was three days without seeing him.—We left [illegible]

R. F. D. Salem,
Dec. 28, 1885

Dear Lizzie,

You must excuse me if I am not always prompt in paying for your letters. Besides, you know according to promise must be doubly paid and I have but little time. It is getting to write much easier and more fly and I hope he does not regret his [illegible]

We are very sorry to learn that cousin Lizzie is so low. How I wish we could see her and do something for her. Nothing makes me feel our weakness more than to have a loved one sick. God alone can help them. Why I am with you Lizzie. Can she not hasten him?

How is her cough? Have they had any Dr. to consult with Dr. Ward? Does she visit well while at Mary's. It is not so quiet there as at home. Does she seem contented there? I am so glad Sarah is with her now; she always thought so much of her and was always [illegible] when they were together. I have been wanting to write to Lizzie but have been almost afraid to. Now I shall try to drop a few words to Sarah while she is there.

How does Lottie get along? Does she seem thoughtful of Lizzie

I have often wished I was sure it was so, or that one of you could be with Lizzie all the time. — St Thomas is filthy well and is Mary able to do all that Lizzie ought to have done for her? Where does Lizzie have her bed? When you write tell her we think much and often of her.

Anna seems better for a few days past. She has no teeth at the moment. She bruised the gum and I made her a mustard poultice. One or the other did her good. She is busy studying while I write and every now and then she looks up to see whether I am not almost through as she is getting sleepy.

She will probably write to you soon, till then don't send the furs. It does not need them yet, you must remember our winters are not nearly so cold as yours. Ask Jim what he thinks it would cost to send my books to me. We have thought some of sending to have Morgan Owens make us some shoes. Would it be a foolish plan, We can have a pair made here for $2.7

Tell mother that we keep very comfortably warm. I have not got word from Dr. Francis. Both sisters love you and wish you were more human

[illegible]

[illegible]

What day is to me a day of [illegible], as they ought to be?
It will hardly do for me to tell you how much I [illegible] with you last morning, but you must [illegible] we must bide our time. You shall [illegible] a sad than a trying,
We went mourning all the day
For the loved ones far away,
and quite disgusted my mouth self, as each day of last week passed with [illegible] for a letter, I was only [illegible] that I should be [illegible] a good specimen of the [illegible] can you guess why?

I wish very much I [illegible] here to enter in February next. It would be so much [illegible] Anna and for Lucy than to wait till after Anna finishes. There is not yet so much required of those who enter as [illegible] can. We wish to [illegible] the standard of the school, and that is our hope to make it as [illegible]. I have written to mother about it and if she does not get time to write soon, you tell me what the intention is. You will miss her, I know, but it seems to me the opportunity to go to be best. Then it will be your turn, my brother, [illegible] all your pleasant [illegible]

all guard well your health and we will hope to have you at school before you are much older. I am glad I find you have set forth my question. What is that land and sea breeze? Each is but half right about the wind. The land is warm quickest in the morning and then the cold air from the water causes a wind toward the land; at noon the water and land being one as warm as the other, there is no wind; but at night the land cools fastest and then the cold air makes from the land to the warm air over the water and the wind is just opposite to what it is after the sun is up in the morning. If there is any question you would like to ask about it, just put it in your next letter; and now I would like to have you try some evening when the bath in a pail is warm, and open the oily door, and place a lighted candle first at the bottom and then at the top and notice the direction of the flame. If you can, I would like to have you tell me which is the warm and which the cold wind. I ought to have told you that the wind here is not known like it

you have in Sheboygan, but it is very Hard and it takes a great deal more hard frost to make a skate stand on the grass: besides the little points of grass would break the ice faster than the ground and there is as you say "more ice to freeze on the grass." The soil here is so soft that a man can easily dig a well in a day and then they lay bricks around for the wall. When they have no further use for the well, they let the rest the bricks, which is not so good for anything else, and then fill up the well. Did I tell you of a dog in the air walk? Every body is in town and so they just carry things just where they happen to think of first; or perhaps I should have said that is the way it seems.

A man must be getting to be quite a shining light again. Has S. H. K. intimated to open the store in his own name? I fancy he will get that in the fall? Is it not quite a temptation to have candies &c in the P.O.? I like and hunger to what I get? What is Ed doing? By the way, Libbie, have you a letter there that I left for me? I think Father has the name. Now I can remember only a

few names. Henry S. owes me $4.50 for tuition and $1.50 for books; Mrs. Thomas for Lina, $3.00 Mrs. Buckyle, $3.00; Jonathan Jones, $4.75; Edgar Jones' father $1.75 I do not think of any others now; perhaps these are all. How would you like to start this if you have not done so for 10 per cent commission? That would make nearly $2.00 of your own earning for you. The last pa might pinch till it is wanted.

We have had a good deal of snow here, during the past week but now it is all gone and it's "O so muddy!" We have been wanting all day to go out and see about Anna's dress but we dread to go. I know it is nearly bed time & I must hasten this to a close that I may go.—Do you know we have had twelve weeks in Fall, and there are not quite thirty more to be before we hope to be with you all. Our last year said sometimes when we think how long that will be, but it has not much time for sighing. Life presses us close on every side and we must "act in the living present."

Anna began a letter to Sarah last evening but she got so sleepy that she was afraid to have it and today she has been too busy to finish it.

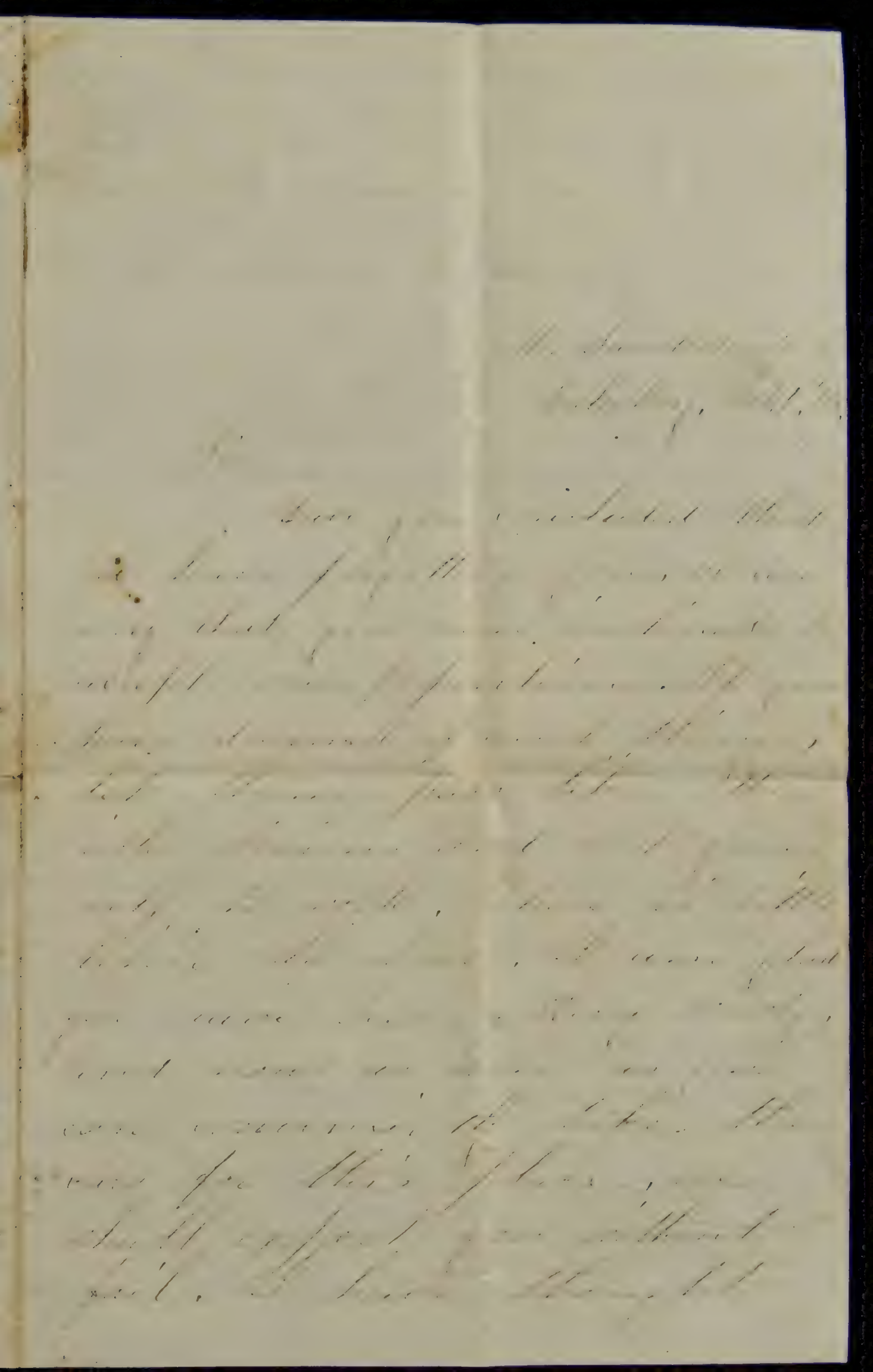
She had been sighing all day so much for a letter that I asked her if I should not write her one. She said she wished I would, and told her about making pies for Thanksgiving and dressing one and beating it all to pieces just as I was taking it out of the oven. I said nothing about it afterwards till evening when I went up into one of the teachers' rooms and wrote as though from home and signed it with Sarah's name. The young lady who went for the letters took it to the office and brought it back in company with your letter. Anna had just gone up to practice and I took them both to her. She was overjoyed. Anna two and Sarah's seemed too much for one day. She just ate and did not notice till afterwards I had taken the envelop from our last letter from home and changed the date from that to Dec. 1st. While you

was first marked the 24th, & mamma looked at the date silently for a moment, then calling my notice to it, said, we would not have been so long without a letter if that had not been detained. It was too bad was not it? Think, she had been a whole week thinking you all so unmindful of us when there was a letter on the way all the time. It seems to do her so much good to think Sarah remembered her and had written such a dear good letter that I could not have the heart to undeceive her till this morning. By the way, just tell Sarah that Emma thought she had improved wonderfully in penmanship.

"Poor Emma" as she calls herself would seem to sympathize with her, don't she?

Is there any thing particularly interesting in the South Cabinet now a days? Where is Uncle Tom now? Can you find me good conundrums, charades &c. for me to guess?

Tell Sarah I have not forgotten him. His turn will come soon I hope. Give our love to all your family and those who remember us. Thanks to Sarah for her nice long letter



Gilesburg, March 26 '63

Sir:— What has come over you that the muses find no favor with you. Have you had a quarrel with your fair, or why is it, we have heard nothing from you since you went to Jonesville. We are naturally anxious to hear how you are pleased with your surroundings and what success you have met with. Has the world seem larger to you since your journey? We get better idea of distance by having that it would be possible to do if we should spend our lives in one place. On me, it has also another effect— my own littleness seems so infinite— God's greatness, on the other hand, so infinitely beyond all my power

of conceiving, fills me with unutterable joy. This mighty Being is my Father, and he has promised that all things shall work together for the good of those who love him. How can we ever be unhappy with such an assurance!

Sir: Again, I sit down to write, this makes the third time I have been called away since I began to write. Today has been a very busy day with me. Though I have not accomplished much. This morning I attended the 9 o'clock prayermeeting in Dr. Beecher's church. It was a very interesting season. They have held prayer meetings every morning this week and every afternoon in the Second Church. Christians are awakening, pray the Lord that we may have a blessing. —

Emma has just left the melodeon. She feels quite discouraged because

she does not get along faster. You will excuse me from writing much more, I must take time to cheer her up. She is all the sister I have here to love and I have to love her now for the whole "five". You must not think from what I have said that she has any reason to be disheartened. Her teacher says she does nicely and I know she gets along well, but she expects so much of herself. —

We are having delightful spring weather. Last week and the first part of this it was very rainy but for the last day or two it has been almost like summer. We had a very heavy thunder shower in the night last night.

How is Mary and how are all? Write soon to Anna. Love — Jennie.

Dear Sis:

I was very glad to get that note you sent me in Mary's letter. I read it without difficulty. It would have been a great loss I assure you, if I could not. You say you will "try to be more faithful in future," I hope you will, and Emma too. It does me much good to get letter from my sisters. I feel much as Sarah used to say she would if some ones of the family never went in to her room to see her, when I think that some of my brothers and sisters do not write. It does me much good to get a letter from any one at home, but I seem to visit more especially with those who write. Now I feel almost as though I had just seen you all, and I would talk with you a little. How did you enjoy yourself when you were at Whitestown? How large has Missy Butler got to be? Does Johnny talk pretty plain? Did you go to see Sarah? Did you go in to her room after you were going home? How is her room now? Has she got a great many more pictures hung around than when I was there? Tell me all you can about them for I cannot get them to write. Tell me how much time did you have after you got home? I must ask

[illegible] I am very busy with [illegible] but I would not have her come now. I think the last week in May or the first week in June, because she ought to be well rested up from her studies before she starts. — It was much pleased, dear, with your note. It was very quite pretty. Write often to me and you will soon write quite an elegant hand. With love to you and Eddy. I am in haste from Jennie.

Dear Parents! I have been quite a spendthrift this vacation and have used any part of your new-year gift. If convenient I should like to have a little more sent my way. It will be time at the first of the term for me to pay the rest of our tuition and we will need to buy ~~6 or 8 books~~ (3 or 8 for each). I forgot to write about this matter as we were requested to have it ready the first of the term. You had better send it with Mary as it will be more enough then. I am sorry to hear that you have all been sick. Wish I could have been with you. I must not write but a very few lines as it is most too late for the mail. I am quite well. Sarah think she will be happy to go to our home. She is an excellent sewer and I think if you could have Mary [illegible] help about the house you had better have her do your sewing. You know there is a great deal of that to do and I do not know as she would wish to stay long. She is well prepared to teach and has been more accustomed to doing that. She will be a daughter to you while she remains as she has been a sister to us. Must [illegible] now with much love. Write soon to your daughter Jennie.

Galesburg, May, 28, '58

My dear Sister:

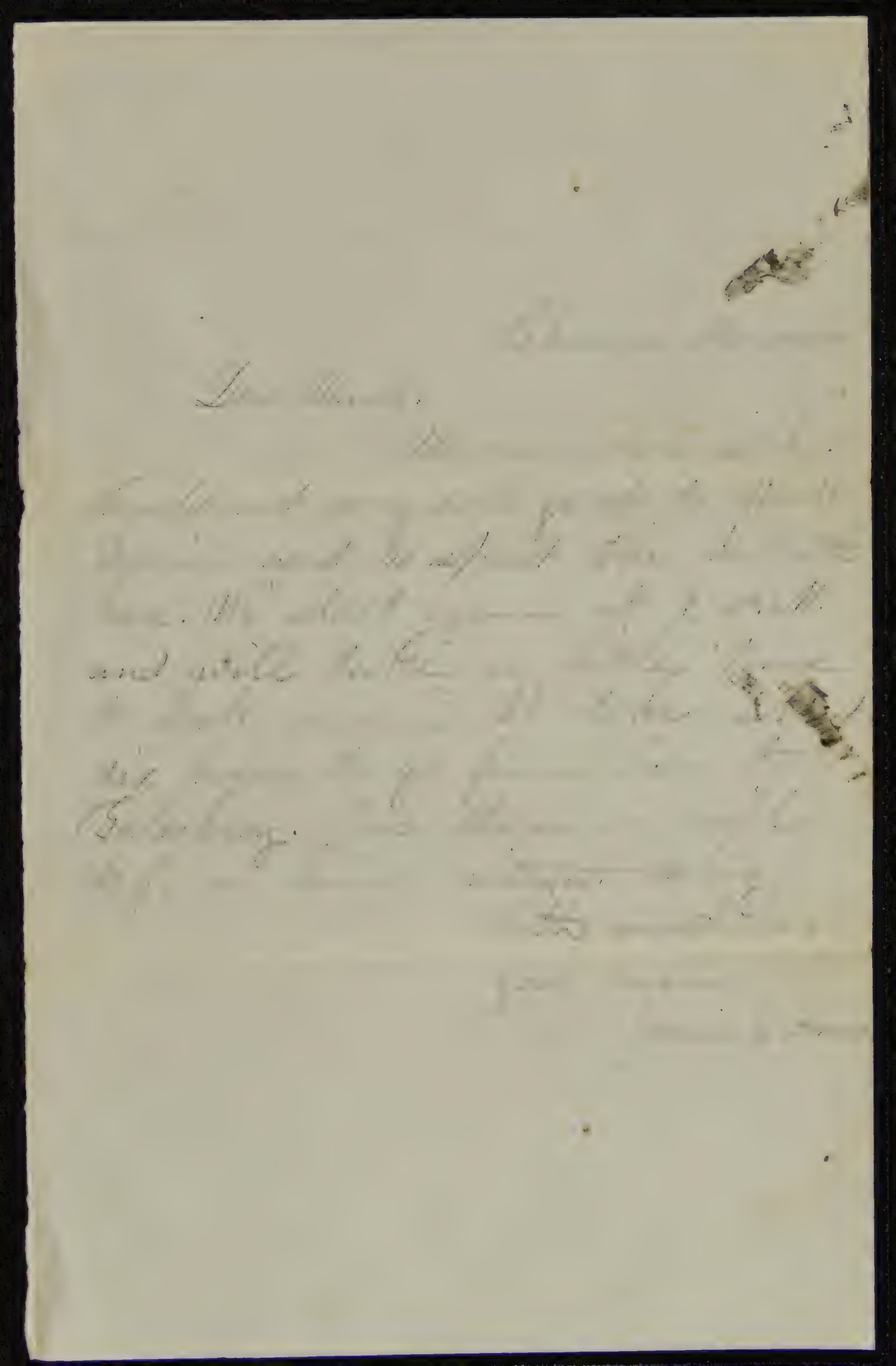
Your welcome letter was thankfully received and promised me to use a few minutes in writing a little answer immediately. — Day before yesterday we heard a letter from Elizabeth and Mary. They were well as usual, Mary seemed to be preparing to go home but she did not say what day she was expecting to start. — Yesterday we were very agreeably surprised by a letter from Pierce which, he says time of reporting, I will inclose.

We have also, within a few days received a letter from Father, dated Cuyahoga Falls. He had heard of the storm and was very anxious about us, & had written him a very minute account of the storm but directing it to Gallmadge he of course did not get it, as there is no post-office there, We have written to him to Cincinnati and again to Granville.

"The powers that be" have decided my fate at last, I am not to return another year. They are already seeking a new principal. What do you think of my going to Whitestown?

We have not yet had the Catalogue. There is a testimony on

the part of the Yale party to put the President's name in. You know he resigned last fall and was only hired for this year. They now want to another vacancy to do the best by not allowing his name to appear as President. We do not know how this will terminate, they cannot put in the Curtis' name, as he has not accepted the appointment. There is also an effort on foot to prevent Fred B. from graduating the present class, but we hope it will not succeed. We are now enjoying very pleasant weather. I am sorry to hear of Nellie's sickness, hope she is fast recovering. Love to all from your own Lennie.



New York Mills March 21st

My dear Aunt

Doubtless you think it strange that we have not answered either of your letters ere this. I as Margaret and myself went with in the factory to work, we have no time but evenings to write my work is picking cloth it is very trying for the fingers and it is with some dificulty that I guide a pen after working all day Mother has been very sick with a fever, she is much better now, so that she does her own work. Margaret has had a very hard cough all winter but she has done her

work all the time she is better now, I am nearly cured of the rheumatism I do not feel it only when I have been working very hard Father and Hugh are quite well. Marion is better than she was when we wrote last. We were happy to hear of the girls safe arrival at their journeys end I hope it will improve Cousin Mary's health. We were very glad to have such good news from the old Country Where is cousin John and what is he doing now. we would like to hear when you write. We are always glad to get a letter from you we will try and write when we can, How is Aunt Sarah I hope she is trying to enjoy herself We all join in sending much love to Aunt and you all as a family

Yours affectionately Jane Ann

Lexington, Jan. 3, 1862.

Dear wife,

This is the first letter this year - and a poor one I fear it will be, for my mind is somewhat unbidded as to what to say. Ahem. Perhaps you had better get some worsted for her 5 oz of Magenta (or some - I've almost like that, Cousin Mary saw some such as she wants) and 2½ oz of black, and if you can find a chance to send it up right off we might make it before you come home and then decide what to do for mine. Otherwise, that is, if you do not have an opportunity to send that up I advise bring it along with you and also some black silk for the outside of one for me. I have quite enough

old silk to line it and also quil
a little piece of new left of my dress
if we should need it = if you get this for
me I shall also want some fur and
colored sewing silk to quill the hood. I would
also you could get the pattern. I would
rather trust to the eye of you and cousin
Mary in selecting the color of the sewing
silk for quilting them to my judgement.
You remember Sarah and Ellen got
them some black in the village for
hoods and Jane is going to get her
some plush to trim her, with but
Ellen will want you to get her
some fur and sewing silk majesta corn color
she thinks would be pretty. I for
wait till you hear again from
us before you get any for me
you had also better leave getting
the things for her till the same
time — I do not want to pay
$4.00 for a hood. —
Anna wishes that you would

take the trimming off her bonnet that she left in case in Mary's care and bring the trimming up. You need not bring the bonnet she will probably have it done up next summer by some Welsh Miss Jones

Last evening I washed the cages and the bird so nicely that I was tempted to wash the finches also. The first was done and I put my hand to take the other from off the water perch bench and it slipped and — and — well, you will please get us some new ones — one or two pair —

A little after I had just thing[illegible] after ~~washing the cages~~, John R. Griffiths and wife came to see us. Father consented that there may be a donation but he wished to speak with some of the Penymynydd friends before quite deciding. The time spoken of was week

after next.

About 6 o'clock, while we were taking tea Ellen came back, Morris brought her, His sister Ellen and his brother Griffith came down in the sleigh with him and went down to the village for something. When they came back, they took our Sarah off with them. She expected to go with Griffith and Ellen to Western today and to return Sunday with a letter from Penygraig old church -

Pa went to Tom this afternoon and Ellen's sister down with him - she came here New Years evening - [illegible] cold day - We are all getting well - Laura has been here this afternoon - Anna has been quilting a hood for her - Eddie did not get home till 4 o'clock in the morning. He had a very cold ride - but did not take cold - Love from all to you and Mary's family

Jennie Everett

Remus, Jan. 6, 1862.

Dear Sis,

Our friends have been in consultation with the heads of this household and have decided that next week Thursday is to be the appointed day for our donation. Louis and Eddie printed the tickets this P.M. Eddie had set it up during the A.M. — We have not got done any thing to prepare for the occasion, except hang this afternoon. Sue been putting the things a little closer together in the dark clothes-press out of the kitchen. We do not wish you to come home until you have finished your visit providing you get through by donation time. We could

not get along without you then — of course. We should like you to let us advised as to the probable time of your return. So that if we should think of anything we want to have you bring we could send till the last minute. Mother wishes you to go to Mrs. Owens, bakery, and order a few things and bring them with you when you come for us: 400 small ~~cakes~~ cakes, the kind that mother likes are quite thick and rise to a point in the middle — not the kind we had two years ago. 10 lbs. small crackers. 450 pop corn balls. Suppose you taste the ginger snaps or ginger-cake (or ginger something Sarah says) and see if they are better than what we make; if so, get about 350 or 400. I think they sell them by the lb. — We think if this is a good time for cocoanuts, we could make cocoanut drops

without much trouble. Try and see if you can get some — 12 mb will be what we shall probably need. Enquire about the price of sugar white it is 14 cts in the village — if it is cheaper there let us know — Mother thinks that perhaps we had better get it Rowan but we would like to know what they charge for it in Utica — Get 6 or 8 lbs. of green coffee at J. Griffith's (coffee man),

You had better not get those things for a hood for me or for Ellen — Since I wrote to you before I learned that Ellen had some fur that will look very pretty for hers and a rabbit skin which she let me have and I will make me a hood out of that alpaca I have and put that fur on it. We should be glad if you can get a pretty pattern for such a hood —

Jis. — I wish you would get me some of that brown ribbon for 3/6 a yard. A yard and a half I think will be enough. Get also 6 pounds of sperm candles, at Griffith the baker. We received the figs and nuts from Dacca. Sunday. The flowers for Sarah's hair &c, we like very much. Glad that Gussie may send Look very nicely. Sarah says she will settle with her again for Xmas. Is she not coming up here this winter? John D. Griffiths, Wm. Thomas, Timothy Griffiths, Lewis & Eddie are in the office dividing tickets, and Jennie is sitting by me in the Library, reading [illegible] the Pongyungyo [illegible] while Ellen [illegible] Xmas. How much money will we need? All three say you had better get rid of Uncle and father will settle with him. If you see some lovely winter flowers I wish you would get me a pair — also a spool of colored silk for me to quilt my hoods. If you can look at fur caps. We want to get one for father if it does not cost too much. Write and tell us the price that we may send for you to get one if we like. All join in love to you & your friends

to send them soon as possible. If anything goes wrong write before Saturday & they will be sent by Express. Direct to Hamilton Ohio. Care of Brother & Sister, Bosworth & Chase. Will write again in a few days. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain as ever your sister in the love of the truth, Emma Curtis

Kinsman, May 17, 61

I saw Alexander in Akron yesterday — the remnants have been sent by Express — I instructed him to get them home: the mutilation — Yours in haste

delay with Bro K — Yours in haste

Yours was duly received. I am exceedingly sorry about those remnants. I thought they were sent early in April as I had written to Alexander to request him to do so. I had addressed his letter to A. B. Roberts, I ought to have added Roberts & Sons. The P. M. did not know who A. B. Roberts was and so the letter remained in the office till it was advertised — almost a month. I received a letter from Alexander a few days since stating that he had not sent the remnants and would — Monday I think. Some day last week, as soon as I knew they had not then been sent,

sent by mail what Kennets we had dry in the house. I also explained as well as I could the cause of the delay. I hope you will have got them ere you receive this. I am afraid you will not trust to me again to get any thing for you. When I wrote first to Cousin Dick I did not request him to acknowledge my letter as I was expecting to go down to Utica in a few days but somehow I did not go. We were anxious to send something with the kennels for the baby but we could not go to Utica to see about it.

How are you all? Especially how is little John Edward? Ask Frank if I owe him a letter or if he owes me one.

Yesterday Maggie was taken sick with the diptheria. Dr. calls it the putrid sore throat. She is very sick.

This morning when Lewis was gone for the Dr. (Dr. Robt. Morris) they thought she was dying. Mother and Cynthia are there, also Jane's mother. A little while ago Bobbie came to tell us that Maggie was better a great deal better he said. We feel very anxious about her as there have been a great many fatal cases in our neighborhood lately. John W. Roberts has lost his little Jimmy – he was about 12 yrs. old. Elizabeth and Minnie have also been sick with it – they are recovering. John R. Griffith has lost two children and most of the other children have been sick. Jimmy was taken sick two weeks ago last Sunday. He came down to church and not feeling well he went to his grandma Thos' – he is still there unable to go home. Griffith T. Griffith has lost

one little girls and the other children are sick now — all with the diptheria.

We have had some comfortably warm days — today it rains & is quite cold. The grass is quite short yet and we put the cows in nights and give them hay.

Our plum trees are all dead — that is all but the common red plum. They became covered with black knots — we never got but a very few plums from them. Eddie thinks it is too cold here for them. Those berry bushes are also dead. I think they were killed by the rats. We have had no fruit from them for several years. Eddie removed the strawberry vines into the garden last or three years since but they have not done well. Our currant and gooseberry bushes are more successful.

I have been waiting for Mary

Remsen, May 24. 1866.

Dear Sister,

We were very glad to get your letter and to know that you reached your destination so comfortably. We miss you very much, but hope Eddie will find enough comfort in your company to equalize in some degree the good and evil resulting from your absence. You know, I'm a selfish body, and when I long for your dear companionship – the hope will rise in my mind that Eddie will get the good I lack. My "little birdie" has not quite made up his mind yet to leave his "friend and sleep with me – tomorrow night I will sleep with you he says – but to-morrow night never is you know.

Day before yesterday father and Mary went to Utica with the horse and buggy and came home last night bringing with them a new buggy. It is not-

very unlike the old one in general appearance—but it has only one seat and is very much lighter. Uncle Henry went with father to get it and he thinks it is a good buggy. Father gave $135. for it—it is not new. Mary says it is very easy riding in it—Anna, birdie, and I are going to try it this afternoon—so I must write you but a short letter. Father has ~~sold~~ given your old buggy to Lewis—he think he can have it repaired so as to be quite comfortable.

Yesterday Anna walked over to see our new neighbors at Mr. Price's old place, and took tea with them. She had a pleasant visit and came back without being very much tired. When she started she was between two minds whether to go there or to Mrs. Jones;' and as there was no one to go with Anna, Mother went after a little to Mrs Jones' to see if A. was there—and there she took tea—so we were but a little family

here at home to take tea -

Night before last Mr. Rice called here. He was intending to start for Waterville this morning and he wished to have the little account of his wife's death published in the Gem. translated for Mrs Sprague, and at mother's request I translated it the best I could, and after finishing that, I took Annie's letter and wrote from it - something for the Gem, on Davie's death - In the mean time I have neglected you - I hope you have not thought we have forgotten you - Give much love to our kind Roberts friends and also Mr. Williams' family. I shall address the envelop to Eddie and write a few words to him so I must close now with love from all. Mother is resting - she is getting over being so tired after her journey. Last Sabbath morning we all went to church. Anna felt so smart after coming home

that she threatened to go with father to Pengwyngy — Mary went with Pa and they stand and had meeting in the evening at Wm. R.'s. We had quite a full prayer-meeting at our church. - Monday evening there were a good many present — Next Monday evening the Temperance meeting is appointed at our church.

Dear Eddie,

Do I owe you a letter? You ask us to send more of the dollar Hymn Books — there are no dollar ones — the lowest-priced are 10 shillings - then 12 s., 14 s. 16 s. Please correct the error, and refer the friends to our notice on cover of Cenhadwr. Shall we send by mail or wait for an opportunity? Father has seen Mr. Merriel and we hope there will be no more books bound so poorly as those first ones were —

We are having some pretty cold weather now — Will Ames called here just for a minute Tuesday and reported himself all right after his Bonville excursion. Write soon and often — All join in love to you

Ben E

Mary Jameson - now she is typing
to travelling skirt = she sends
much love to Annan and
Sarah - Lewis and Jane
were glad to get your letter
Mary dear has been quite poorly
Jane was back with the diarrhoea - she
is getting better - Jane H. has
had it also Ben - Sister - Dominy
Sunday and Monday - I called
there Tuesday she was a little
better and the next day I heard
she was all - dewis' darling
one of our sister Jane.
Saturday night Father and mother and
the rest of us are well Mr.
P. went to church meeting
to Pennsylvania - he had gone
home Thursday to day. He went
returned - unless he came
since I left, to dinner. His H. -
but it did not rain so hard as it did
the while I was from and to and
Much love

came here this afternoon - She will help

it very pleasant; but could not help thinking the best part would not be till after we left. The Camp Meeting will be next week and C. expects to go, of course. — Mary and I, poor girls, will not have a chance, probably, but as the Utica and Floyd meetings are the same week we'll not have much time to fret about it. Mother and Mary talk of going with father to Utica — and it is somewhat doubtful whether father goes to Floyd or not. Mr. Jones, the missionary, has written to father that he expects to be in Utica at the time of the Cyclopedia. Mr. Phillips did not return from Cattaraugus till yesterday — He had very good success in collecting — about $40 in Floyd and Rome and $60 in Cattaraugus — he was very faithful with his work and came home without visiting Niagara, as he had intended when he left. He is looking very well and you may be sure we are glad to have him home again, for there are so few of us here now you both are gone. We get along nicely, tho' of course we miss you very much

but we are very well satisfied to miss you for a time as you are doing so well - you know as well as we how glad the good news you send us about Anna makes us - and we trust you will both keep us well posted in regard to her ups and downs. We would feel easier of course if you could keep us nearly informed as possible as to her real feelings &c., as we believe you do when you write only your letters might be a little oftener. - I guess now you think I've got a beam in my eye or I could not so well see the mote in yours. - The truth is you have been very good girls about writing while I - but the least said the better - By the way what do you think Mary said this morning - those who write none get the most - I believe she has been trying that for a bit - now to see what her success will be - Do you keep Elizabeth so busy that she gets never a bit of time to write or why is there no word from her in any of your letters. Where is Brother B now? Is he still on

the Continent? — Yesterday I called at John D's and while there Cynthia came in with the mail — containing your letter to me; of course I read it to our friends there and when I came to where you send love to all the girls in our church — they wanted you to send them a bit for next time, if you please. Your friends often enquire here about you and all are rejoiced to hear that Anna is gaining. — Sarah's S.S. class recited the first Sabbath to Thos Evans — The next they stand out by the door and last Sab. in rained — Maggie comes into my class and last Sunday Lydia Evans and our Robbie came in too, Mr. Owens asked Cynthia to hear the class and if it seems best she will do so. I told Mr. O. that he had better have one of the men teach the boys and I would take the girls into my class — but he does not quite like that idea now. I try to keep you informed as to what we do about it — My class is pretty large — Katie Griffiths is teaching in the Select School in Prospect now. — Caroline was in church two weeks ago — when father preached. — Yesterday father went up to Penygraigdd and preached in Griffith Williams funeral Morris Robert's preached in Welsh — They wanted Mr. Phillips but he did not get home till father and Mr. R. were just ready to start — then Mr. R. tried to get Mr. P to go in his place but he was tired and not prepared — Cynthia and I went to the village to attend the funeral of Dina Griffiths' brother Charles who died at Didymus Thomas' last Monday night — We thought on account of the two funerals there would be no church meeting but there was a little one — Mr. P. went, John Owens and wife, Thomas Evans and wife and Mrs Hugh Thomas were also there — I and I stand and took tea at John Pugh's with Maria — Isabel has been boarding here this week and helping Mary sew — Anna Ann

Jane Hughes and Sister Jane have just come and I must go and speak to them - By the way, have got a letter from Rev Wm James. I send a letter from him which he says they have called on you and were expecting a visit from you in a few days. I wish I could go with them - give much love from all of us to them when you write. Sally was here last night looking remarkable well. Ask Thomas if he can write to me again even if I don't owe him a letter - I'll try to pay my debts some [illegible]

my boy today and it is now almost dark, I will try to write a few lines to you before Tommie start to the village that you may know how nicely we passed through the donation fun. We never had so much kindness shown to us by our friend in every way - so many came and helped us before and after and that evening. I think I told you in my last who were here helping the day before - that day Libbie Pugh & Sarah Thomas, Lewis & Jane were here all day and in the afternoon Jane Ann, Caroline, Mr. and Mrs Thomas

Evans, Robt Hughes and Jane, and in the evening I cannot tell how many or who, only that they did not leave much for me to do. I was out in amongst the friends almost all the time, once in a while I would go to the office or the cake room and offer to help. but they said did not need me and so I would go back and visit. We did not do but very little baking neither did we send anything to anyone to be baked ourselves, the friends did it all almost all - and very nice cakes did they make quite a number of them frosted. We had a very full house tho' there was an exhibition in Prospect and another in Trenton the same evening. They brought for our father in money $20. and in goods a little more than $9. without saying anything about all the goodies they brought for the tables. I believe pa came very near crying when he found how many were coming and how much they brought - he said it was more than twice

as much as he expected it would be. Every thing passed off very pleasantly. Several friends were here from Floyd, Elias Jones and Jennett asked for you, as did a great many others. Steve Owen and Anne were here from Trenton, also Mr. Cadwalader Lydia Owen and brothers and I don't know how many others - Mary Conklin and two brothers were here - Pierce and Clara and her two brothers and two young ladies from Zurin, George Ames, Mrs. M. Morris, Mrs. Sarah Thomas and I as some one said every body and sister more than all Eddie was here - he came in the morning train, has gone to Utica today - if it does not storm he promised to go with some of us over to see Mr. Conklin's people tomorrow and Saturday he goes back to Zurin - he intends staying yet another year there. He is looking very well - he helped us a great deal about donation - Caroline and Mrs. Humphrey Pugh and Sarah Thomas have been helping us clean up and put things to right -

and we are quite comfortable now tho' of course everything is not in its place yet - Mr. P. went to Rhymney last night - and will come back probably tomorrow evening -

Baby wants me to tell aunt Mary that his lameness is all well now - he is getting well nicely now - the rash has come out on Maggie a little more today but - she is not much sick. Lewis and Jane were here helping us this morning but - just - after dinner Robbie came up to tell them Enid and nain had come - so they had to go home but Lewis came back - I have forgotten to tell you who came to put back the office things and now I have no room to tell you only I must say they have got the things all in their places - the chairs &c carried home from ... a little while ago. - Emma stood the weariness and did the best she could - We did not see anything of Jones's - were there? Much love to our cousins. Nellie's state. Sorry Jeff was only a little. Jennie

We did not have knives on the tables, but buttered the biscuits before putting on the table so we did not have so many things to borrow

Tell Nellie her sisters were here and wanted to get our last news from you. They had had a letter

I was sorry to hear
that you had been
ill - I did hope
you could have had a little
change before the cold
weather set in. I have had
a terrible cold & have
been feeling very ill
& wretched, now I
am better. Thursday
will suit us very well
for meeting you at
Rennes - we are very glad to
hear from you and hope I am
not doing wrong to stay so long
in Paris. I explained to Ella
& Sam tomorrow then Ella said
she would rather not go till Thursday.
Will that do? and can you meet
us then? We thought - first - it would
be pleasanter to eat. the Sam
train, but I am most afraid
it will be very warm riding home
from Rennes then. Which train
will be most convenient for
you to meet? If we get a letter
from you tomorrow we will be
able to take the train you choose but -

If no letter comes we will take the 6 P.M. train Thursday. Ella thinks she will take baby's carriage she thinks baby is used to it and will do better so — Mary and Hanny cannot will leave home now — I was at Mrs Gerlach's yesterday and he talked some of going to Remsen today I had an engagement at the dentists or I would have gone home on the 8 A.M. today to be with them. — Perhaps as I may go to Fort Mills now. I will look for a bill. We have some writing paper on the upper shelf just beyond the empty boxes in the clothespress out of the sitting room — I bought some groceries and some bed steads. I suppose they are in Remsen now They were to be sent as freight I suppose Ella will have enough to do with Hanny, for one? I cannot get mutton head I better get lamb chops for Mrs. Thomas?

Home, Dec. 10, 1868.

Dear Sisters

The enclosed letter from Annie was received day before yesterday and ought to have been sent yesterday but I neglected hoping to be able to see about Trimmings and so tell something more definitely about the trimming for my dress but it has been storming so all the week that I've not been down to the village and if you too have had such a storm you could not have gone out trading. Miss K. said I should want 4 yds of trimming and 8 buttons (or perhaps I had better get 12 if they are something that will be likely to wear off) — you cannot of course get these to send

this week with Lewis, but if he goes another week perhaps you can send them then. We are anxious to have a letter again from you. How does Anna endure the cold stormy weather - hope she will not take cold.

I stopped there to eat breakfast. D. D. Griffith was here yesterday helping Thomas kill a cow - so we had liver to breakfast - Eddie has not got up yet - he is not very fond of getting up these cold mornings.

Elizabeth Owens is with us helping, she will stay till after we get our next number out. We are getting on pretty well with the pen. - have nearly five gallons set. - Yesterday we preserved the citron - it made a nice lot. We have made apple jelly once and put some in a small bowl for you but have no satchel to send it in and so do not know how Lewis could take it - to you.

We had a good long letter from Mary yesterday – she intends taking treatment from Mrs. Lozier and will take her dinners at her house for the rest will stay at the Working Women's Home and get her breakfast and supper. She thinks she will get along nicely – we hope so too and that her health will be better.

I can think of nothing special to write more and I'm in haste to get – to my case – I wrote to John last evening – we have heard from him only once since father and mother visited you. Bobbie had written Saturday and I had promised if he would to so I would write some too – Eddie wrote a Welsh sermon to send – he preached it – first for us – he cannot preach English he says, you ought to hear him – he never preaches without note but he never looks at them. He can

to send a sermon to you in this and you can see what kind he writes.

Father and Eddie have now got up and are eating their breakfast — We are all pretty well as are Lewis' family. Tommy goes over there every day and Ollie goes to school — it was so stormy yesterday that he did not go I believe, neither did our Robbie.

Today it does not blow much but it snows and we fear it may be preparing for another storm — the road from here to the corner is badly drifted — we are beginning to be uneasy about wood — if we do not have good sleighing soon it will be very hard for John L. Davies to bring us any — Hugh Jones says we may stay with him if worst come to worst — how good it is to have friends. But adieu, much love to you both and to Mr. E's family.

Sister Jennie Everett.

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Pomeroy, Ohio, [illegible]

Dear sister,

[illegible] a word for us from home since Thursday. What can be the matter? Did you write too encouraging a letter in reference to your health? Are you not as well as you were then? Or are you waiting till you can astonish us with the glorious fact that you are well? Thus might we make suppositions without number as to the reason, but could not tell when we had the right reason. Write dear Sarah and relieve us from this suspence. Mother told you that Aunt Sarah was here very sick and quite deranged. She still continues very low. When she first came here she was restless and could hardly be kept in the house but wanted to walk in the lot all the time. That was Friday. Saturday she walked backward and forwards in the street in front of the house, Sunday all morning and spent a great part of the afternoon in the office, Sunday she walked all day and night was hardly able to put one foot before the other. Monday she could not leave her bed and raved in great trouble, she was much the same Tuesday. We sat up with her that night she was quite still and about [illegible] morning, she awoke in great distress, she seemed be trying to get out the cellar where she supposed she was. I was not with her then, but Mary says she never

seen a more [illegible] object. After a short time seemed to recollect and commenced singing hymns which she did until she was unable to proceed. Since that time she has very still and appeared very happy. Dr. Hamrick thinks her. He says that he thinks she may get better, but Father is afraid he is ill. However we cannot tell now. Should there be any great change we will write and let you know. Mother and Father sat up last night the first part of the night and Thursday. The sickness of Aunts makes it very [illegible] Mother, as she is unable to take her part of all work for the regular. Her leg is about the same. Father is pretty well but very [illegible] spirited. When will you write. How soon will you be well enough to come home. We want to see you very much. Father says that as soon as we can some one of us will go to see you. How much longer is your roommate going to stay there. When did you see cousin last. We are all pretty well and join in sending love to you.

from your affe Sister

Jane.

Miss Sarah A. Everett

Care of Dr. Holland

New Graffenberg.

near Utica

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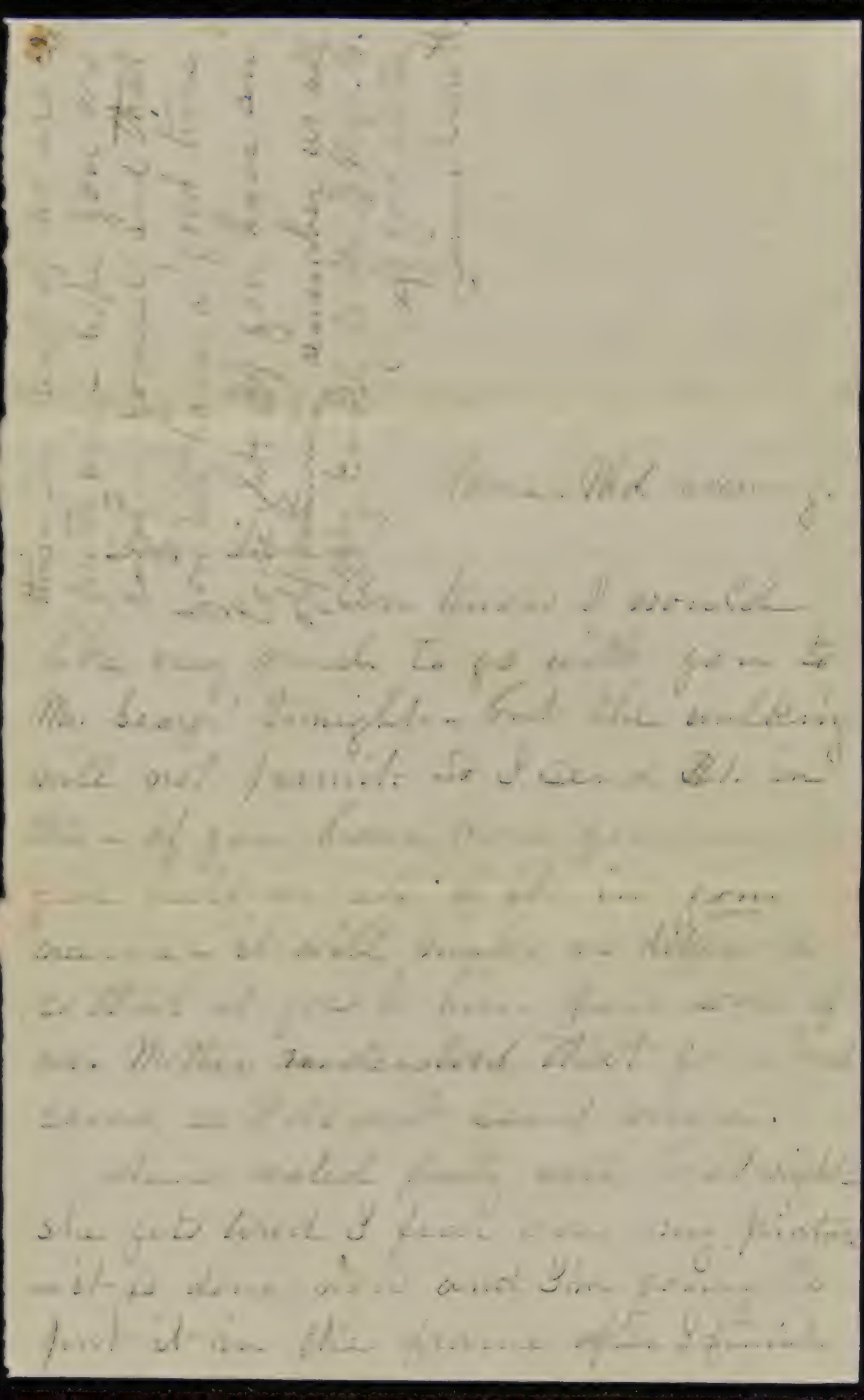


had had from home since I left
and very good indeed it seemed to
receive it. I suppose you have had
Mary's letter and mine also ere this
and know that our kind friends
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries are taking care
of me. I have a very pleasant place
here and the family are all very kind
I do not know how I shall ever repay
them. Tell pa please to write a few
words if no more on your map.
Friday Mary and I went to visit Mrs. Griffith
had a very pleasant visit there
and they said if I would come and stay
there a night they would make me a bed
on the sofa — Mr. Lewis Thomas also invited

me to stay with them over the Sabbath and sleep with Jennie, but it has grown so much like home here that I didn't go—was it wrong?—Mr. Griffiths expects to have Wed. in the spring and the church will probably send to Wales for a minister but don't say any thing about this only to our folks, so that we may not be the first to tell the story.—Mary and I sat with the singers yesterday and it seemed so like home to be singing those dear old hymns and tunes. Between the meetings we had tea in that little room under the church. Mr. Lewis Thomas's son, a friend of Mary's staid to be company for us and we had a good sing while they were preparing tea, and afterward a walk. Mr. and Mrs. Evan Griffiths also staid to tea and a young sailor named Jones, engineer on one of the Cunard steamers, a Miss Hughes who has traveled a great deal especially in Europe. So we were a very pleasant company of us you see. We walked home after meeting—the evening was light and pleasant.

Saturday May 2nd I went down to [illegible]

the Dr's eye and in the morning and my ears were examined by Dr. Kin - he said I had a cold of the inner ear, the drum is sore and thickened - there is a chance for me to improve or recover - he did not advise me to do any thing except to procure a "Politzer bag" and by its use to fill the inner ear with air several times a day and thus present the drum. Mary told him to say in what he said and he said that it might help, but he thought the humphrey would cure me as it does several other patients of hers some of whom the Dr. had said the same as Dr. K. did of me: still that politzer bag would do me no harm if I wished to try it. She told Mary of another Dr. whom we might consult and we will probably go to another infirmary also before I go home - which will not be next Thursday or Friday but I will write again.

Now a word about Anna. We have made some inquiries but have not decided yet what will be the most pleasant and comfortable way for

there and intends so as to be near
she could sleep there & do, as the parlor
on the sofa bedstead and Mary could stay
with her nights. Mrs. Lozier would give her
treatment at half of her usual price
and Mary thinks it would not be ne-
cessary for her to see Mrs. L. many times,
as she herself could take charge of Emma's
case. Mrs. L.'s rooms now are all full
so that she could not well make Emma
comfortable there. Friday I was with Mary
to see the Home. We could get a very
comfortable corner room there for three or
four dollars a week including washing &
bathing or I could come and stay with
her and Mary could stay with us also if she
liked—the 38 room would be large enough
if only two of us staid there—and we could
take her breakfast up to her room—and buy
just what we fancied and what we could
let us have of butter we could bring from home.
If I can get something to do so as to help
pay our expenses—this last plan would not
be so bad. It is very pleasant down there. I
met two good templars among the inmates

Dear Brother & Sister,

Your letter with the U.S.C. was duly received but as it came to me just as we were most busy with our paper I neglected to answer it immediately, and then when I had one delayed I thought I would try to know something definite about remedy before writing. The time has passed. I made several enquiries of our former friends and found that some one had been around last Summer and bought their remedy at that price. I found it would be rather to late to mail till the 1st day I should day them of this

you so futher write a few days since to remain at Alexander to see if they could not dry the wood with for you. Last night we received an answer from him say that they can furnish the rounds now. They are dry and in good condition and we think they must be better than those we could get from farmers as it is usual with them to kill the calves when only a day or two old, but ours does not kill any less than 3 or 4 weeks old.—

We do not know what things you wish us to send the same time as we send the rounds— we therefore will not send till we hear from you in case we have within three or four weeks. We have one in the house which we will send by mail lest you should need it. Tell us what to get and we will do our best to get them —also if we had better send more than

Ps: A worth of minutes this time.

Father received Frank's letter a few days since. We were all very glad to get it. We wish we could know your little boys or at least we could see how they look. We have lately received likenesses from Elizabeth of her children, but I suppose you do not have opportunities to have such things taken with you. Frank must be a brave boy to go to school all alone these cold days, or does Robbie go with him?

We are all well. Mandy is with us. She is quite blind and some more feeble than she use to be. She stays up stairs most of the time. She is worrysome sometimes and it is quite a trial to mother to have her here.

Today is Town Meeting day — I send tickets. I haste

Yours sister Jennie

Home, Tues. morn

Dear Sister

Sarah and Anna went to meet you last evening – we had something of a rain but nothing like what we hear you had at the time the cars started. There was another letter from John last evening – Sarah is no better – her brother Zilba, the Dr.. had just arrived there.

The gloves that we got for Ammon are too short – will you please exchange them for a longer pair – we got them at Nash's store – also get Sarah a pair of silk ones something like mine if convenient – don't trouble about it if you fear you cannot fit her – I got mine of Dana

If you could get some soft silk gloves it would be more like them. Get some soft and pretty light shades if you can. If not convenient to change, please get them as they are.

Taylor, the jeweller, has a Depos-
itory of the Sunday School Union
at his store – if you have
time perhaps you would
like to call there and may
be you will find something
that you want for your class.
If you have not got a question
book you will be likely to find
some there. – All well –
Love to you and cousin Mary's
family –

ingtin's birthday was very welcome and very interesting to us all especially that little item about your health — we are so thankful that God has so good care of that — you seem to have no time amid all your many duties to take much thought of it yourself, and it is well our good heavenly Father has time, power, and will, to make all things work together for your good. — Thank you so much for all your many good letters — and the accounts you give of your labors — they help us so much to understand and sympathize with you in your work.

Anne has had a letter from you since I received mine, It contained those blossoms from the burning bush and some sprigs of evergreen – today she has been making a scrap book to arrange and fasten them, together with the other leaves &c &c which you have from time to time sent us so that none of them be lost

Well, I have run on and neglected to tell you Robbie has gone to his father. John Eddie and I went with him last Monday as far as Utica – he started that night about 11 P.M. There were two companies of Welshmen going – Revd. R. Gwesyn Jones, with one of them – Mr. Rowland, with the other – Robbie went as arranged under the care of Mr. H. He started in good spirits – I had his likeness taken with Eddie before he went – Last night we had a little letter from him dated March

1, North East, (? where is that?) saying that he was getting along pleasantly on his journey — that he found Mr. T very kind &c. — I had also a letter the night before from John, he would be on the lookout for Willie and try to meet him at Paola. Eddie finds it rather lonely without his brother but he tries to be cheerful and good. He was very glad to go to Miss, and perhaps before a great while I will be able to take him to see his Eddie and Mate — Sarah had a letter from Mate last evening inviting us. Emma's visit did not hurt her — it did both her and Sarah good, but A. thinks she will not try another till the weather grows warmer — then, when the roads begin to break up here in spring, cousin Mary wants her to visit her — I had a good visit while I was there. Mary united with the church the first Sabbath in this year — she felt badly to do so without

Thomas - it seemed just like leaving him behind, she said - but she felt that she must go. Perhaps it will be the means of leading him to follow after in the way of life - If you can, dear Dis, write to her - she says she has had no letter from you and one would do her so much good. Sarah means to go and make her a visit soon - perhaps the first of next week - Mary wants her to stay just as long as she can, Eliza is with us yet so Sarah can more easily go and Mary has a very good girl - if you write soon to Mary, Sarah may be there to enjoy the letter with her - Cousin Mary sent Anna with me a beautiful bouquet of Everlastings - a nice large one - I wish you could see it. - We have not yet sent to Rochester for seeds but have had a catalogue and talked it over - think we will send for, phlox and everlasting and perhaps one or two other kinds, ——

Sister Jane and the children have been very sick with colds, but are a little better now, Eliza went down there night before last and came home this morning, she would have staid longer but Sarah is sick and I am most - father, mother and I have had hard colds, but are we hope getting over them.

Thursday last 3d Mrs. Richard, Lyon, was buried - father preached and stood it very well - Mrs. Hughes - Mrs. P's sister was buried in Bethel the day before - they both died nearly the same time. Saturday night. — Tommy's grandmother is very sick

Norman, Apr. 16, 1[illegible]

My dear Sister,

It seems a long
since any of us have written
to you. But I must write but
if I fail to write well. I am
very tired having just finished
reading the proof of the pages
which Lewis must correct and put
tomorrow. I have not been feeling
very well this month so far and
all that I have done has been
up hill work. The spring weather
affects us all unfavorably I think
— I wish you could see father
and Anna — if you could see
them you could judge better
what they need &c. Could you

not arrange to come home before a great while? if only for a few days, without it being very detrimental to your interests. Emma feels quite discouraged, sometimes, she has so little strength, she has only two powders left, which she takes for her bowels – she will need more before long.

We had a letter last Sat. from Cynthia in which she says she has received no letter from us but she has had three from you since being in G. I answered that letter and I had written once before, which I suppose reached her after she wrote her letter. She has a very good and pleasant situation now, but she has doubtless written to you so I will not give particulars.

Nellie Henry came home

last Saturday. He will probably be home and help his father during the summer. He brought a letter from Eddie, who said that both he and Mate were most sick with hard colds. Nellie says that Mate was threatened with a fever. We have heard nothing from them since I wrote yesterday and hope to hear soon.

We are very glad you are so pleasantly situated. It must have been a great tax on your time and strength to look up a place and get settled in it. We are very thankful to your friends who were so kind to you.

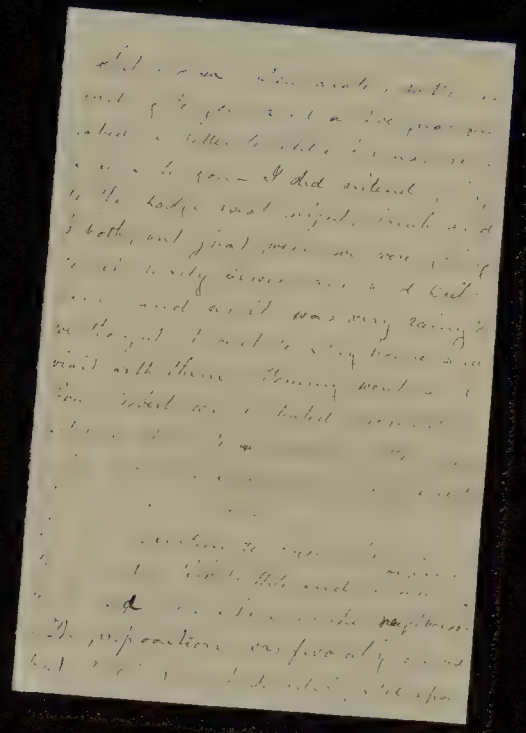
We read with a great deal of interest and no less pride all the notices we find in the papers of your Graduating Exercises. I wish so much some of us could have been with you. How are you

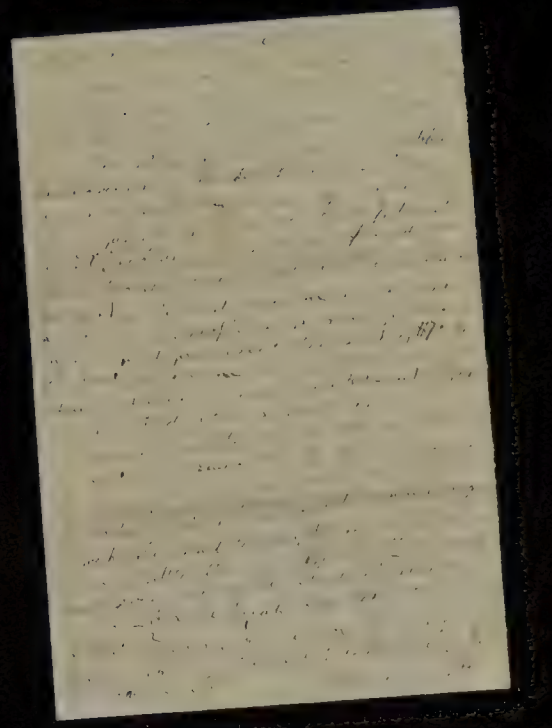
getting along with the lectures now? are you able to attend pretty regularly? How much longer will they continue? You have told us nothing lately of Dr. Silverthall- I have a great deal of confidence in him and I should really like to consult him myself - but I do not suppose I can very soon. I use that hollowing now and then and I feel the air to my ears very quickly - it often makes my head ache if I use it many times. - I feel sure that my hearing does not get worse. -

I believe I told you that we are making arrangements to repair the office this summer - John D has taken the job - expect to commence the first of June Eliza is with us yet but it is doubtful whether she will stay for the summer.

We had a paper from Mrs. D. Griffith, Granby, last night giving account of the death of Wm (Elias) Williams - he was drowned in crossing a creek - the horse which he rode went down carrying him it seemed under the horse - there was a boat near and if he had once risen to the surface he might probably have been saved.

Mother is writing to you and I'll not attempt to do more than close with much love from all — your sister Jennie Everett.





We are all pretty well and send love and kisses
to you from Edelstein. Hope you
receive this in time.

[illegible] — but if you can get
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[illegible] of the friends write to
[illegible] would go to you from
[illegible] without delay if necessary
[illegible] thing might be sent
[illegible] to you perhaps that would do
[illegible] L. D. have been so busy
[illegible] time since you went
[illegible] work.
[illegible] to find. So take care of your
[illegible], as a matter of duty, to
[illegible] and your friends. What
[illegible] you may do by over top
[illegible] will never repay for all you
[illegible] and will do in the years
to come, if only you will let
[illegible] system wear as
long as God intended.

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while and [illegible]
I am to go with the [illegible]
bring her home — I would have
gone with her only it was
supposed a letter should be sent
today to you. It has been much
talked this fall but now for a
couple of weeks as she has
felt more poorly, she was very
anxious to try a visit with her
sisters and not without saying
anything to anybody except me
and she promised to come
back if the visiting was very
hard — we hope she will be no
worse for it. — Sarah and
mother are pretty busy now
days baking [illegible]
— they let us [illegible]
to have a good [illegible]

of them. Hattie and Sarah have dried a good many, and several jars of them and made out a little cider apiece and now they are cutting meat apples - father has just got up after his afternoon rest and I put down my writing to help him with his dressing gown - we have the coal stove in Mary's room to have in her sitting room now in our sitting room - it was put up yesterday and kept the room warm all night - we have our plants now out here. We have had since last Wednesday only 1/2 quite a respectable sheet of snow on the ground - the the cattle do find pasture by hunting here & there in spots -

Fri. 26. Thomas broke his leg the first of this week - he had gone with Annie to see his father and tried walking with his brother in law, Mrs.

believe I will write a few lines - they were all in church Sunday and Doris has worked since Friday yesterday and today - Mrs Charles and two children are visiting at the Hyde's and we have invited them to take tea with us as soon as they come - they went to Isaac Pierce's today

[illegible] to get your letter [illegible] and to know that [illegible] to enjoy [illegible] [illegible] hope your waiting will not last upon you but that it will do you both good and also our kind friends (Mr. and Mrs. Evans). They must sadly miss their daughter Mary - just think what a lonely parsonage Ja's would be were all the daughters married. I guess it would require a considerable stretch of the imagination to conceive of such a thing!

Well, with your letter came one from Sarah Ann Cubbs which I inclose

The cucumbers are growing - Bobbie dressed a chicken and dried during the other day. I would for believe it - I thank the dear Lord the dogs and cats - the chickens were the devourers of our swimming tomatoes - Bobbie has shot him - I of the Sanders and we can't have them in the vines to ripen - I had a letter from Mary this week - I told her I would write soon - we had a real

also one from cousin Mary - She hopes to visit us soon when we are ready to receive her - I think I will answer her letter tomorrow for we shall be only too glad to have her come any time now - we have got a good start on the next Senhador and are all well - It seems so quiet and lonely after all our company have left us. Wish Elizabeth and brother Beauld be here now! Mary is having a splendid time with her studies and Sara and ma are busy as ever with the housework. We had some very nice green peas from the lot today to dinner - and we have almost enough ripe tomatoes for a meal. The apples on the dwarf tree are getting ripe - and the dahias and gladiola are ready for your eyes &c &c. We shall be so glad to see you home again - but we do not wish you to cut short your visit by any means, Lewis' family are

I would be glad to hear his health
Much love from all and sister
I also one from cousin Mary -
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Sara sick and enjoyed the journey - but could not tell what ails her

Remain, S. L. C., 1871.

My dear sister,

We were very glad to receive your letter this morning, from Editha, Agatha and I went down this ~~morning~~ to the village hoping to get some news about your coming home. It seems a long time since Anna went that we were afraid something was the matter, still if the rain is doing her good she had better stay as long as it continues to do so (if she wishes to) and when she does come home, may she have extra good. We shall be very glad to see Sara however soon it is if all is well, Editha will be at the depot to meet her.

I'll have dynamite that I use the Hs. you when he... send me a very much indeed it is very pretty and I... it is so soft and nice I want to thank her... every time I wear it which is pretty often.

Mother sends love in this last ... should be short; write it will be ...

My cold is some better today and my ride this morning agreed with me. Bobbie and Cynthia went to Thomas Evans' last evening. There was quite a little company there, David Price and wife and baby, Neb. Hughes, wife & baby, Lewis, Jane and Maggie and Ben Jones, Wm. Jones and wife. They enjoyed their visit very much and came home after we were all in bed.

I have been working some in the office yesterday and today. Nebbie has hung up part of trial horse to dry, I suppose they will be ready to take down tomorrow morning. — Father has not rested very well for two nights past, and he is going to the village this afternoon to see if the ride will not do him good, and to consult Mr. Evans about the Baroniacth. Mr is pretty well — she is sewing little bits, now and Cynthia is resting. She has been doing a good deal about the

house today. She is better than she
was last, I believe, tho' she has quite
a cold. —

Now, if Anna is not very well just
now for you to leave her, you must
do as you think best about coming
tomorrow - if it would be better for
you to stay a day or so longer we
will try to get along - we could perhaps
do the final form dried, but not
pressed, probably. I did part of the
ironing last week - was hindered
from finishing by our company.
This week I must do what I can
in the office - so we do not attempt
anything that can possibly be left.

Adelia's little dibbie is here this
afternoon. She and John Eddie
are now busy with his blocks.

We are glad to get such good
reports about Carroll. Hope he will
be quite well soon. — Much love to
Eddie, Mate and all

Sister Jennie

Kemaen, March 15, 1892,

My dear Sister & Brother,

This morning Lewis brought the little note I sent (there mother calls me to supper).

Sat. Morn— That I might not keep Robbie waiting I left this last night, now he is going down to the village to get the boxes mended so I will try to write a little that you may get it tonight. We are very glad you think of coming home and I will not be sorry enough to ask if you come & you can for we will. Grace they say when a minister leaves his church, and sucks another field of labor.— Well Wednesday evening if God will, Robbie will be at the

~~Good Gracious while here~~ kept wailing for you.—Jennie Jones told me when I saw her at Ellen Charles' wedding to tell ~~you~~ Anna not to worry about her lessons—she practices some but not on her lessons—I guess she will be glad to see you again as well as we.

The singing school in the village is very prosperous—Jennie likes it very much, they all go from there. Maggie went last night tho' it had stormed so hard all day. Mr. Evans was here the other day and he spoke very highly of the scholars. Neither Sara nor I have been down yet—Sara kept her bed yesterday so we could not go—she is better today.

If you can bring some mica for lights to our coal stove we shall be glad—one of them is almost broken in, there were a great many little pieces of it—on

the floor this morning – a good many if not all of them are poor, you know, – Also bring 1lb of tea and 10 lbs of white sugar if you think you can get it cheaper than we can in Kansas – we are not quite out. Mother is sending $5 that you may need it, if this is not enough, charge the rest.

This is a beautiful day, and we do so hope it will be pleasant Wednesday next, if it is very stormy do not be troubled if you cannot come – we will try to be on hand for you the next night if there is no letter. – I believe Sara is almost more homesick for you than any of us – but we are all ready to see you you may easily believe.

We heard a letter from John the other day – they are well.

Last evening final before dark John Eddie went for a few minutes over to Mr Jones. He came back saying

they had company – a load of visitors drove off while he was there – and he said there is some Mrs. Williams there now, "Wont you go over there with me, auntie?" "No, I said I cannot leave, but what Mrs. Williams is it? did they introduce her to you? No. Did you ever see her before? I believe so. So I kept on with my work, chatting with him and asking questions but never once suspecting whom he meant. When I went up stairs, he came with me to see aunt Sara for a few minutes and I told her how he was teasing me to go to Hugh Jones' with him because they had company – some Mrs Williams. – I know John Eddie did laugh when he told me it was Ellen! – How are you all. Kiss little [redacted] Carroll for us and all of you accept lots of love. — Your Sister Jennie

Dear Sister,

Last week I received a letter from you to Sis, containing medicine, but not a word did you say about receiving £15; which we sent to you a few days since. Mother made a long letter, longer than she had written for many a day - and we beg to hope that you will be able to let us know that and acknowledge the receipt of the money and then forget to put the cash. - Please write immediately.

We are glad to think you intend coming home one of these days as we are anxious

for you to see Cynthia — She
wrote a statement of her case
in her last letter — that with
the money — and I'll not
try to do so as we are in
such haste to go to the village.
She has been some better these
last few days, I think.

Sam'l Jones was buried
today, in Edin, Father and
Mother went to the church.
He had been sick a long
time —

Mrs. Wm. Owens, Jane's aunt
Margaret also died today — the
funeral to be next Friday.
Jane and her mother and
Lewis went there about 1 o'clock
today — Mrs. Williams asked them
instead of going to the funeral
and Jane came home at 1
this morning I went to the
funerals — Lewis had printed

the first side of the last
form yesterday, but today he
went to the funeral then he
came up this afternoon hoping
to print a few but before he
got through correcting, Willie
came up for him saying his
mother was sick – father and
mother are just going now
to see Jane, I asked Lewis
what was the matter and he
said she was sick to her
stomach he thought,
I wrote you a week ago today
telling how often I had had those
unconscious spells of late, and that
had only one since that was last
Saturday, so I am hoping [illegible]
I had the pain [illegible] you knew.
It is the proper time of the month for
me to be better, but I hope that is
not all.

We have had a very pleasant

visit with A. A. He came from
San Diego. I was excited
to see him. He was the first and
only one personally that I would be
glad to see. But I might
not say this. I was very much
agreeably disappointed in a friend
who I expected to see, in my life.
He brought up so many different
subjects of conversation that my
mind was well diverted from
my sickness, and I feel that the
visit has done me much good. We
both have enjoyed it to-day. Yesterday
Sarah and I drove over to Prospect
with Mr. Everett & Lina at the
Lindsay's, had a very pleasant
ride and visit there, stayed to tea.
Mr. E. expects to be in Santa Ana a week
from next Saturday and I promised
to take a ride with me to the Santa
Ana Canyon. We will be back to meet him.
It would a good deal in the garden now
and it refreshes one. Life looks brighter
since Spring has shown her lovely tints.
There are many Golden Robins around this
Spring and other lovely birds.

defence. He was [illegible] to have [illegible] either article - and he himself hesitated a great deal before deciding to do so - After the meeting L.L. Rich and, Rowe, said to me how sorry to hear of your decision in favor of having H.H. Jones preach, and it will be right, at first many were anxious to do this, [illegible] them to delay a little - at least till the [illegible] of [illegible] from the same neighborhood as Mr. Jones - a great pressure was brought to bear upon father to yield this point, but he could only say

have much faith in him
Matthew said
to him
Thinking me
mean is
to hurt
his feelings
please me
do so.

that if the Congregation were so disposed he could not prevent them, but his duty would be to tell them what he thought & would why he thought so. - The Sunday evening before the Com. came out, the Church was called together to vote upon the question - Father was there and stated his views very plainly but was very sparing time there - and when the vote was taken everybody voted in favor, except our family and Wm. and Sara who did not vote at all, and Father alone voted against.

When the Com. came out there was a great deal of angry talking &c, - but we did not think it would amount to much. We persuaded Father and Mother to spend the next Sab.

Mr. Jones tells us that many people would be down

in Lewis. The next Thursday
Wm Thomas came up to take
father and mother that H R Jones had
sued the publishers of the Democrat
Lawyer for publishing the last
paragraph of Lawyer's speech
- father and mother and Lewis went
to Utica Friday - Lewis stayed with
with Uncle Henry and cousin Thomas
as and were by them strongly
advised not to see the Lawyer
H. R. J had chosen - and Lewis came
home the next morning and father
and mother went to York Mills - H. R. J.
did not preach Sunday - we had a
prayer meeting - Sara spent Saturday
night with us, and Wm came with
her to dinner Sunday - Emma went
home with them and came back
to evening meeting. - Lewis intended
going to Utica again Monday, because
he heard H. R. J. was going down and

Rumsey, Nov. 12, 1874.

Dear Sister,

We send the butter this morning - the small tub addressed to Mrs. J J Jones - I meant that for you all the time I was making it - The other tub was filled before that, but we may not be able to fill the one we are on now - any way it would be too long for you to wait - I hope it's good Cynthia is in Lyon I took her up Tuesday and came home Fri -

terday morning — expect her home again tonight when they come down to singing school —

I forgot to tell you about the late honor that has come upon us all — we are all great now. — Hattie wrote lately to say that Lizzie has a little daughter — born Oct. 25 I think — they intend calling her Ella Jane — but I guess I'll send her letter — It is a nice cold morning. — Father sent you a letter for Emma with $20 last Tuesday morning, have you received it — safely — we are anxious to know,

Emma

+ Mon June 23 +Wednes. July 16 [illegible] 4th day
Tues " 24 Thurs. " 17
Wednes " 25 Fri. " 18
Thurs. " 26 Sun " 20
Fri. " 27 Twice Mon. " 21
Sun. " 29 Tues. " 22 Twice
Mon " 30 Twice Wednes. " 23
Tues. July 1st Thurs. " 24 three times
Wednes. 2nd
Thurs. 3rd

I have had no attack since Thurs. noon [illegible] after tea sat. - I have had diarrhea more or less ever since [illegible] as unwell. As it alternates with constipation. I tried the [illegible] as had relieved [illegible] it seemed to check it - so - but not cure - then I tried chinn then opium and chinn once again - opium checked it most effectively, I think, about 2 days ago, but it returns slightly every movement, but hard, & difficult

passing – A week ago for a few days they were very bad & generally didn't come more than 3 times a day. It didn't – seem to get up nights at all. It, and the warm weather took away my strength. If strong I think I should have walked more, guess I ought to stop now. – I had one severe attack of the spells some time after I wrote last time before last. After the light was stopped gave strength till it was over, can't tell, perhaps

Remus, Jan. 25, 1874

My dear Sister,

I fear you are sadly disappointed in receiving no letters from us. I did write a postal card but mother was not satisfied with it so I pasted a paper over what I had written and tried again — sent the card and supposed you had it — when to it was brought back to me marked unmailable — wonder how many of my letters would be so marked could the P.M. see them all! —

Well, mother says you had better stay with Mary if she cannot care you — it will not do for you to be fretting because you cannot be in both places —

once - we are having a very cold stormy winter and tho' I miss you very much indeed I cannot help being glad that you are not near to "stand the storm" The snow is nice I know - but - well, a little less would be nice too - Saturday father and mother went to church meeting and father took cold - Sunday he did not feel able to go to church and mother stayed home with him - she also took cold I think for her cough is very bad - Cynthia also remained at home as she thought the meeting would be rather long - so only Frank and I went - Mr. James Griffith of Utica preached and after service he came and said if convenient he would come

to our house – he came of course – it was storming a little then but he was published to preach in the evening and he had arranged to spend the night at J. D. S.'s but – "there arose a great storm" and he is still with us. He is good company and if only I could hear a little better I should enjoy his visit very much O, how many times I vainly wish I could pull the tight corks from my ears.–

Cynthia had taken that med. five days before receiving Mary's letter – she waited till it was over time for a letter to come and it seemed to hurt her to be thinking so much about it – that young Pierce who had been cured with the med. had

been so afflicted 19 yrs. and had no fits after taking the med. Naturally Sis was anxious to try and we advised her to wait no longer for Mary to write - She had one of those seven spells Sunday evening just - a week after the one she wrote to you about - and she commenced taking the med. Monday P.M. that evening when going to bed she had another hand spell - and one light - one each day the next two days following and none since - Saturday P.M. Mary's letter came and she has taken no more of that med. Today her stomach troubles her so much that she is taking carbo. - otherwise she feels pretty well - (Do you think it will hurt me any to go back to old medicines so soon?)

Jan 29 Cor 1
letter to Anna
sent last Tuesday
letter sent Feb 13
to Anna for
her use - tell
us if it was
received
all right.

Dear Sister,

Rumson, Jan. 28, 75

We send the tub of butter this morning - it is the last we made. - Have not sold our butter yet and do not know what we ought to ask for what Mrs. Jones has - if she would set a price one it I think we would be satisfied entirely. We had Anna's letter yesterday - are sorry that we could not send the butter sooner but since we had her first letter about it there has been such stormy weather and bad

roads – the last letter I sent you went on snow shoes – Frank and Lis went yesterday afternoon to the village but the roads had just been opened and not knowing that you needed the butter so soon I thought it hardly best to send it then.

I think it would be nice for Anna to get furs and May too if she can – I think Eddie would send on any act: an order which May might use and when she gets rich she can pay me – I wouldn't be sorry to have some furs myself – write me about them please – We expect to be sewing

Conkadore Saturday – Agatha
saw Sara in yesterday at
R. W. Richards' – he is quite
sick in bed – Mrs. R. is
better – Sara feared she
might not be able to
come Sat. to help us, but
if she can she will –
Caroline has promised to
come Friday and Saturday –
We have never had so
busy a winter, & think,
we miss Anna so much –
hope she is gaining in
strength and health –
wish John Eddie would
write a little letter – he
hardly knows how homesick
we are often for him – How
does he get on in school –
Robbie is studying hard
– he went to school Monday

through all the storm - Mrs Williams says he is doing very well in his studies - Frank says Robbie hopes to be able to teach next winter. -"

We are to have no singing school this week and it was so stormy there was no prayer meeting - I suppose it will be here at our house week after next - Will you come?

When you see Mrs Jones give much love to her - I would like very much to see her and make another visit with her to her sister's

Father and mother are a little better of their colds - I wish Mary would tell me what is good for cold in the head -

Much love - Jennie

him [illegible] = Alick is not looking very well but he does not complain as much as he used to do to the market-Monday [illegible] so unwell. Ella is nursing at Uncle's Mills - may not [illegible] a visit - except with [illegible] Uncle Silk [illegible] Bonnie [illegible] - I have come [illegible] consents - as it is - as they [illegible] will all be disappointed [illegible] know her [illegible] have her [illegible] Mother wished me to ask Comina Alick to send for a check for £30. I think I will have it made out in Mary's name - tho' she is only to have £11 of it - Mother wishes to pay her something for what she is doing for Cynthia and does not feel able to pay more now - £6. of the remainder I think belongs to Lis and £6 to Sara - and the other £6 I meant to send Sara towards what I am owing her - That does not leave any thing for John Eddie's expenses home - perhaps Sara had better

[illegible] Alick [illegible] Comina [illegible] Mary [illegible] Cynthia [illegible] Lis [illegible] Sara [illegible] John Eddie [illegible]

take that out of that if she can spare it = if you need more before coming home - let us know and we will do the best we can - I am having a nice little visit - and it is doing me good - Cousin Mary and I went to the cemetery yesterday and down-street today to do a little trading - only a little I did for I only had a little money &c —

They are all well and busy as usual at home or were when I started - I am getting a bit homesick to see them - wish I might meet John Eddie at the depot on his way home from your big city - We want to see you all but mother wishes nothing to be said to hurry you home - She wants the sick ones to have a fair trial - It was it - uncle's yesterday and he intends going up to see ma next week - he is a great deal better than when I saw

Kenmare, Aug 18, 1875

Dear Sister & Brother,

Frank is going to Ilion — we know not what for, but he means to be back tonight — he seems thicker & more infatuated than ever up on the hill there so you need think no more about it's being "played out" —

We were very glad to get Mary's last letter & we hope you are all still pretty comfortable — in these days I do think I pass a good deal these warm days — & would be very glad to have you here ~~to~~ as we have nice refreshing breezes, and such fine air. But we

comfortable with the thought your rooms are high, large and airy — and that you have shutters. We are looking every day now for another letter.

Yesterday Mrs. Jones (Coffin) and Mrs. Roberts, (formerly dressmaker) New York, called and we had a pleasant little visit with them. Mrs. Jones was hoping that I had seen her sister Esther, Ann or have you seen her, ~~to. you~~

In church meeting yesterday they appointed a committee to see what our people are willing to do about getting a monument. The brethren spoke very kindly — they thought other churches were ready to join — but that it ought to start here.

Before coming home mother and Anna went to Elias Jones'

They stopt tea there and made quite a little visit - also call at David Price a little while, They looked refreshed when they came home.

Day before yesterday a Red Wm Johns came here he had seen father about 30 years ago and thought he would like to see mother and the rest of us. He was also acquainted with Ellen & Griffith, and in the afternoon went there for a call and also called on Mr. Hughes and came back there for the night. He is preaching to the Americans in Herkimer at present - used formerly to see some of our old ministers &c I think ma enjoyed visiting with him as he was a Welshman. I would have enjoyed it pleasant for him as he was a Welshman. I would have enjoyed it pleasant for him as he was a Welshman. I would have enjoyed it pleasant for

you put a cloth wrung with cold
on Cynthia's stomach when she
feels weak —

We are all in pretty good
health and unite in love
to you all — very aff your sister
Jennie Everett

I do not write more that you may have nothing to drive this one thought out of your mind. What became of that furniture? If you sold it all right only say so that I may not worry about it — If you love me answer by return mail — Jennie —

P.S. Sis has had no light spell since coming home I believe —

Remsen, June 1, 1876

Dear Sister,

We received yours last night = I am suffering from a very severe cold in my head and all through my body. My right ear pains me a great deal and feels as if it were gathering and my right nostril and eye sympathizes —

Last evening Cynthia had a spasm and a long nervous crying spell —

They are having sick times at Hugh Thomas', Watkins had not been very well most of the winter but about two weeks ago he got overheated and took some cold — he grew worse very rapidly

and last Sunday he died – he had dropsy. Mary and his father were after that very sick with Spasons. The funeral was Tuesday – Mr. Thomas began so hard to go that they decided it was best to try & the doctor gave him heavy doses of laudanum to calm him as much as possible – Mary was very sick at the time and Yesterday she too died – when her father heard of her death he became quite wild and frantic – He walked over to young Hugh's house screaming and Mary Ann – who has been sick three or four weeks – was so frightened that she fainted – Last night we heard that Mr. Thomas was very low – that there was no hope of him –

O, there is great excitement and sympathy for them — and our dear mother and Cynthia feel it very much. Mother was there to see them a little while Saturday but none of us have been there besides — we have just got off the same Number — it was just 5 minutes too late to go last night —

Cynthia had her sick spell last week — She had a hard spell in the night — the next night she had another and sometime the next morning when she was resting on the bed up stairs all alone she had another — that was Monday when Sarah was sick a week ago — We have not washed this week as Sarah has been sick — She kept her bed Sunday

Monday and Tuesday mostly. She is not nearly so strong as she used to be has been troubled with a bad cough since she was in New York — you know she took cold then — She has taken fresh cold a good many times since, just as she was beginning to get a little better — now she has a stitch through her ~~her~~ right side —

This is written in great haste — & then Eddie waits for it —

We have heard nothing from John since he wrote the day Frank died —

Your loving sister

Jennie

Remsen, July 7, 1876.

Dear Mother & Sister,

Yesterday Williams went to John Williams' to see about three horses (by his name Tommy) and today Mr. Williams brought the horse over. Just before he came, Mrs Jones came to say that you told her to tell Wm. to get that horse and she was here when he came. Wm took me for a ride to try this horse as far as John D's first barn. Then we stopped at the church and Wm Thomas came and got in and drove to David Price's and back. Well, we kept the horse - now about paying for him ($160) If you do and think best to pay now Mr. W. wants

a note to Jan. 1, then the money. ~~told him I thought~~ We thought you would pay part at least now and we asked him to call after you come home. He said he would come some day next week. It seems to me that, if you like, I could help about paying, and I thought perhaps you would like to know before coming home.

A little before dinner Wm. went to look at the potatoes - he found a great many of the potatoe bugs - they had eaten the vines a good deal - the bugs were in swarms here and there and this afternoon William has been through the lot knocking off and destroying the bugs as well as he could - he thinks he killed a quart of them. Do

you think it best to get any Paris green or any thing that will destroy them. If you should see Uncle Henry he may know what would be good. —

I find we are most out of envelops —

I have been in the office some but have not accomplished a great deal. We are all pretty well and shall be glad to see you tomorrow night if you get through to come. We hope you are having a pleasant time and not trying to do much but enjoy yourselves. We fear you had a pretty noisy time with the fire-works last night. Give much love to all our cousins and to uncle and aunt if you see them.

It is raining some now but we will try to send this down

to go this evening. Jonathan Jones is at work on the plastering in our church. There could be no meeting last night and none tonight. Rev. J D Phillips to Remain came, but has gone again because it would not be fit to try to preach in our church tonight.

(Jennie says I may just in a few lines, to tell that yes. afternoon, after having been visiting a little while at bro. Bewis "Mary Ann Pierce" from Avon and her mother and husband, Mr Lloyd made us quite a pleasant call. Wasn't that nice? My head I think is getting better, but isn't very strong so excuse brevity Sis) We (Sis & Jennie) slept in your bed last night and found very comfortable quarters.

Lewis has been in the Office and has got quites a good start. —

I think 28 yds of border is what the sitting room requires — we sent specimen of paper yesterday — Yours lovingly

J. G C.

Utica Nov. 6, 1864

Dear Mother, Hattie

I am about this
started but expect to go on
the special train which
which will take us
through to Albany with
very few stops and then
make the connection with
a slight, but a few min-
utes at Buffalo - when the
change can be made
at which they stop and
get on the same train for
Hillsdale as the they have
started from here at 12 M.
so that they will reach
at the expected time.
Mick advised to

As they did so it would do
[illegible] were staying - and
we could make it very
long here. [illegible]
I with the to the
left - and the second gave
[illegible]

Next time I called here
yesterday noon - we called
there the evening before -
there is pretty [illegible] - we
did not have time to see
[illegible]

I have got some black
and Ladies = cloth for a suit -
and Corsair has cut and
worked [illegible] to have it - and
here - so Miss thinks she is here
today - she can only do
here - today and to
[illegible] I do not know but
she is going to help me

so am hope to get the dress
well under way. I shall
leave the South hoping to
get Marian taught to make it.
If you have a chance I wish
you could ask her how soon
she can do it - & if [illegible] by
there or any way how [illegible]
coming.

I called at the St. Louis
[illegible] as [illegible]
was not in - I have not
seen her would yet. Sarah went
down street with me the first
day and I [illegible] that
I would. [illegible]
[illegible] I would
like to know how [illegible]
all getting on without us. If
I do not succeed in getting
through would it be for me
to stay a day or two longer with

– I don't know why I wrote that last sentence – of course it wouldn't – I promised to visit it quite often, but having Miss Haynes here on our dress will prevent that – I hope I can get it furnished soon after going home.

They are all very kind [illegible] and I am enjoying my stay – I hope I shall have a letter from some of you today, then I'll [illegible] "Eddie must [illegible] [illegible] you in [illegible] wonder I have done but little business – have left that with Mr Adams.

Heartily [illegible]

[illegible]

there We met a the door and came home together. We had a pleasant walk home but Mary got with a hired Mrs Cunningham, one of Mary's patients came this p.m., to smash her room - She comes every week - and Mary and I went to Mrs. Jones' to eat and to escape the dust. Then M. made a call or two and I stayed to tea with Mrs. J. When I got home I found some sister greedily devouring some boiled beef without any accompaniment except milk to drink. She had only looked hard at what she bought, thinking fearfully of keeping the meat for breakfast but her appetite proved too strong for her - I prepared the meat for her and then got her some bread and butter after which we ended the meal on apples from home. They are most gone and I must be looking out for some more. We went this a.m. on Broadway to see theatres - dramas are most stylish - we saw some very nice ones for from 15 to 18,

They have been marked down somewhat they say - it is quite cold today and maybe they will be cheaper on a warm day. We intend going on the avenue next time! We got Anna's letter with the one and thank this from, just before Mary went out and she only took time to read it and said when she came back we would talk it over. We are very glad that you have company to stop and that Wm is so good morning We bought two quarter pecks (bails) of apples today - and I have made some apple sauce for tea - I also got a loaf of bread - the first since coming down - we finished our last loaf from home this noon. I wish I had brought some emptings from home. Mrs. Jones says I can bake there when I wish - I think we will get some flour and try with cream tartar and soda There is to be a tea party at the Hall next Friday evening - Mrs Hall, Mrs Hall, Mary thinks of going - I will not probably. I am glad you had so pleasant a visit with Mr Hughes, - I will try to write

something and send to you as you suggest. I am feeling pretty well and it seems very good to be here with-Some one is knocking

Thursday - The daughter and granddaughter of Mrs Tindal called and wanted to see Mary who did not return from her p.m. calls much before 8.. After they left we hurried to take some supper as Mary wanted to go out again - She felt so tired that she laid down to rest while I cleared up - then she decided not to go as it was after nine o'clock. Just then her bell rang and David Jones called for her to go to see his little girl who had sprained her wrist - I went with Mary over there and you would have laughed to see Mary coax the little one to let her meddle with her arm - It was pretty late when we came home and was snowing hard. This morning the snow is quite deep - and we think we had better not look for cloaks today but have Sarah get along one Sunday more with what she has as they will

Mr.

is it that they were all taken so quickly? Do you think we are letting our homes on earth and our friends fill too large a place in our hearts?

I know you are taking the best of care of dear mother still I cannot help wishing I was near enough to rub her foot or do something for her. I am so glad Katy has come - you will find it easier now. I thought this morning that I must start for home tomorrow that I might get home before Sunday - mother's letter yesterday telling how feeble Annie is makes me anxious

that she overtaxes herself with the letters and books. They seem anxious that I should not make such a very short visit so I have decided to stay the next week and in the meantime I hope there more particularly how you are getting along. How is Lillian? do you think another gain a little? does she eat pretty well and how is her appetite? If you think anything you would like to have me get in Utica I should be very glad to have you mention it. I should like I have [illegible] I [illegible] I can [illegible] bracelet for — I do not think I will stay any longer till I get to Utica. I do not dread my journey — I would be very pleasant to have Edith here with me and our friends here wish he could have come, but I did not realize until time when I came. They had beautiful weather here all through February — the

had a good deal of snow in March – more I think than in the winter – there for sometime very pleasant bright weather I saw a little bit of snow in the ditch by the roadside – as we went to the Cemetery last Friday – none since – and it has been very dry & dusty like the rain night before last. Yesterday it rained some but only a little. I went down street with Hattie & Azia – got me a pair of stockings and a little whitelace for my neck. They are wearing black dress white on the neck and sleeves – Have you that letter sister E. wrote? Brother B. would like to preserve it if ma can spare it. He showed me a sheet on which she had written two lines – beginning a letter to you then – to mother. Mar. 5, 1877 – My dear sister Sarah, – That pleasant visit with you and William, how I have enjoyed it again and again." They often speak of your visit and seem glad that you came it. They did want you more to have Mary come – or that some of us could have been with her at the last. It would have been such a comfort – he says, but she did not like to ask it. He said sometimes he felt as tho' he must

[illegible] Sept 13.11

[illegible] especially mama, and unless I must
I know out of mere charity my presence
might [illegible] I should go [illegible]
and perhaps reach home the first part of
next week. They are very kind to
here and do all they can to make
it pleasant for me – and I
enjoying my visit
[illegible] could with the [illegible]
not [illegible] I might
I try to do what I can to comfort them
and I cannot tell what to do. But
[illegible] is good and he seems cheerful
all the family is about here but I
must be
dearly when all go up stairs as they
[illegible] the evenings especially,

Claire is sick. Siggie has to be in the
office, some as much as possible this
week for Father is here - he came last
night to visit & will be about
a week. He, I am glad to say,
has left Claire but she is feeling better by the
morning, and ready to run around some.
Hattie has a little cold & her throat
is sore also - the others are quite well.
This is a beautiful day - indeed they
have only had nine or ten days all the
time I have been here; and the
country around is lovely just now as
everything is springing into new life.
Siggie has promised to take me to the
college today and I'll be the lover - such
a boon then and she can tell what I
shall see. Saturday I went with Hattie
down town and got those spoons for
Siggie and a locket for Claire - all very pretty.
I have not yet got anything for home. Again
I wish I could have had some of

today - I wish I knew what he
left, along, Her mail is with
them is with you. I do not dare to write
to Ch, but the girls may tell her how I
could and would start for home tomorrow
if I had any idea you are ready
it seems long since I had a letter
Yesterday I went to church with Mrs. -
and Hattie also went and they left. They only
have one service. I got to bed early,
night about 8 and I propose to stay in bed
& sleep as I did late morning, also. Mrs
M. M. Mrs B. said he had been up 1½ hours before
I came from my room. I slept with Mary
Lizzie and baby slept with Hattie. I do not
get up till after breakfast and then I bathe
bathe and so keep pulling weeds, Maria
went to the woods Saturday and brought a
large bouquet of lilies and
here and there has been

Ten —, May 1, 1877

My dear Sister,

Anna was going to buy to write to you last evening but as she was looking feeble and tired I persuaded her to leave it for me to write in the morning. She and Sarah walked to church meeting Thursday, and she got pretty tired. ~~Saturday~~ Friday again she worked in the garden longer than her strength lasted and Saturday, ~~sunday~~ morning found her unwell. Sunday she kept her bed all morning and she has had to be pretty quiet since. Yesterday afternoon & evening she worked some on a wall basket. George Pritchard was here all afternoon and Hay Jones Charles in the evening - so you see we had company. Lewis also was here

a little while on the afternoon to see about printing the Arweinyddion. We have paper enough to print 3.00 and prepared to print so many - mother thinks 2.000 will be enough. Lewis said he could not tell her what the difference in the expense would be! The first thing she said to me this morning 4.20 A.M. was "I think two thousand will be enough to print of the Arweinyddion." I hope having Lewis print them will not be a source of worry to her.

Billy Jones came here yesterday PM with the Glyn team to plough - he staid last night and is intending to plough here today. He and John Eddie are doing the chores this morning as Wm was quite sick yesterday and the night before with the diarrhea. Sarah thinks he is a little better this morning. Mother did not call me at all last night till 4.20 this morning. Sunday she took a little walk twice in the yard. Yesterday she did not go out

She seems to have gained since I was gone, and I hope after she gets over this she will be better too.

I reached Utica from Hildale Friday 11.25 A.M. went to Cousin Mary's and after looking over your letters and mother went down to Mr. Evans' marble yard and saw the monument. It is (or) to be very nice I think - but what you proposed to put on it is too long. Mary went with me to the Cemetery Saturday morning to see the monuments and inscriptions there and I came home in the evening. I went over to Uncle's in the afternoon as he had promised to go with me to see about the inscription but he had taken some cold & could not, so Bella went with me. Mother received your letter to Lewis saw it and suggested this - change, you a little "Mr. Robert Evans, Jr., I am Jan. 2, 1891, in Tremant, N. Wales. A minister for 60 years, and Editor of the

Cumhadoc 35 years. Died Feb. 25, 1875;
Shey promised to send, after Ma, E,
shortly get back and read what you sent
there a letter here marking changes
as he thought best = and we are
to let them know as early this
week as possible. So the matter stands.
I have looked at Bro. Thos. Williams'
account, and think he has not
taken the Cumhadoc the last three
years — please tell Mrs. Jones so.
We heard last night that Mary Jane
Roberts is going to live at Mrs. Elias
Jones' this Summer, so we shall see
her pretty often probably.
Please write soon — What do you
think of putting the other names
on the monument — with only the
time of birth and death. I wish
I could have seen you when you
were home = we might have done
better perhaps — With much love
from all Anna & Jennie

P.S. have you a good deal owed to you? She has taken husb, but I had a letter from her last evening. Hattie and Lothrop are intended to go to Utica on Tuesday next. Will be in Geneva July 1 if I live. Plan in love—

Truman, May 24, 1871.

My dear Sister,

Your write check for the butter sent to Auburn have come safely to hand but I fear has not been acknowledged. We somehow have our minds very full (my mind holds very little) so that we are apt to forget. It is nice and cold now and we ought to send or sell that last small tub. It was finished Friday last. They give 18cts now in Truman in the had some cond last evening and she does not like to send it till she hears from you.

I fear you will be disappointed about having a motto on the monument. I thought they all

Friday morn. Clean and likely to be warmer — Mother hopes Sam will write

agreed not to have any and when I was in Utica I said so to Mr. Evans. but said that if we wished to have one we would write. Sarah has not seemed able to get her thoughts upon one — nor have any of us. Your letters made us think more about it — but we have done nothing. Chic was in Utica last week and he said the monument would probably be finished the last of this week or the first of next; I do not know as we can do anything now. Those lines you write are I fear too long.

Cousin Ella made us a nice bit of a visit. She went up to Boonville yesterday on the nine train — left a note in Kinsman for us to meet

her in the evening and went back home this morn. Clarence's little brother was with her. It did us much good to see her. Wm took them and Anna to Lewis' this A.M. and Wm. Sarah & Anna went with them to the depot. — The committee met here last evening to consult about the library — we decided to send to Mr. Chidlaw. We had written to him and received a letter from him with catalogues of books. We will probably get only half now.

Mother and Anna wrote their wills yesterday and signed them last evening. Now you ought to do the same. Will you please attend to it. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Mother had a letter from uncle Nathaniel last night.

He was well but feeling somewhat anxious about cousin Thomas, who has had severe cold on his lungs and still coughs some. Thomas is in California, you know. Aunt Jane does not go out yet. He says she has had to keep in doors since Christmas. She was very sick at that time with inflammation on the lungs. When the weather grows warmer she hopes to go out again. Lizzie too was quite poorly worn out by over anxiety the Drs. say.

Mother is just coming in from a little walk in the yard. This is the second time she has been out today, tho' it is so cold. Ther. 50° most all day. We had some snow last night. Sarah has a gathering or inflammation in her right ear

Will Yarkand call with you to see the Dr but I do not know anything about that-they or the explanation, I wish I could explain clearly, dear Sister and that I can read writing to another Sister, but as I am a little somewhat shaky

Mother is wishing to write to you, but she has been writing to Mr. Eldlay to try to have him prepare the Affiant; and I promised to write to you. Did we tell you that uncle Henry came here to spend his birthday night-the 31st-if last-month. Mother sent for Lewis to come and see him and they both thought it would be well to try to get Mr Eldlam to write the affiant. Mother wrote immediately then and he sent a very kind reply - not positively declining, mother thinks, but urging as a serious obstacle his "lack of material save in a general way" He says he met father only on two occasions. He promises in his July

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occations to "prepare a communication that may add a smile to what others will do." — Mother hopes he will take the Elegiant in hand and therefore she has written again.

We have spent about half the amount Cynthia requested for a library here — the rest perhaps we will get next summer. We got the books from Cincinnati from Mr. Chidlaw — they reached here last Friday. The young ladies are coming here tomorrow to cover and prepare them to be used — They are pretty books and we think a good selection.

Marian Pugh is here this week making over my silk dress — I am not getting anything new or finer than that. I have written to Edward to see if he can get me some money before I go. I spent a good deal going to Hillsdale and am not earning now as I used to,

Durham, March 21, 11

My dear Sister,

We have two letters from you unanswered. I cannot tell just now what will be heard about the refiant. Perhaps we had better wait a little and see what Lewis intends to do. You know you requested Wm Thomas to speak to him. We must decide soon what to publish in the next number about our dear mother's death. This time it will be only a short notice. Suppose you write something and we do the same - and perhaps father will and Lewis can make something out of what we see write to publish — or can you suggest a better way?

We have the papers signed by

all excepting John. Had a letter from him tonight - in answer to one containing the copy of the will, and mailed it 19th from here - I mailed the one from Utica with a copy of that paper the 21st - So I may have it from him tomorrow - Denis made no objection to signing it.

I think we will go on next year as we have while our mother was with us - it seems best - So all things considered. I do not know exactly what to offer for Eddie but will try to do what is right: He is very good and thoughtful. He has not been feeling very well today - took some cold yesterday; and was in bed most all afternoon: He did his chores this a.m. but rested and then helped me wash the flannels, pumping water and wringing - There was some fault

heavy things and he got tired and went to bed without his dinner. He enjoyed his supper and seemed quite like himself. He has gone tonight to the village tournament and oyster supper given by the Lodge. It is very pleasant and we thought best not to oppose his going.

Father is a good deal better. He tries to be cheerful, but the help a good deal and we are getting along as comfortably as you could wish - and so miss our dear mother - We try to do as we think she would wish. She shall be very glad to have you with us some in the summer and we think it will do you good - Then we can arrange and talk over things better than we could have done had you stayed longer now. We hope you will be one of your kind and be blessed

in some practice. Edmund is feeling a little hard a little sore from Mrs. Hughes' knife. She expects to move to the village next week and of course Edmund and family come to her house. We shall miss her very much. She has always been such a good neighbor.

Yesterday Mrs Wm. Taylor came to see the young man whom Jim married. He was taken sick last Saturday night with pneumonia and has been delirious most of the time and is not expected to live. Morris Roberts is also very sick with it and Dr Williams told Lewis yesterday that he did not think he can recover. — Monday morning — We did not get the paper on Saturday nor Sunday [illegible]

Monday - Mr. Hatfield's
Mrs. Wm. Wickham
37 today. Mrs. Chickering - Mrs
Chickering is some
better. Mrs Sarah Wells
has made me a real welcome
visit. Mrs Sarah could
not find her mother to
send her home so took
her with her. That woman
can't help being a
nuisance. Sent a card
to Mrs Sarah Wells
Ord Sunday Scheff
Thos Seymour and Mrs
so with Mrs Seymour could
something that would
help Mrs Seymour to bear
up. Mrs Seymour is
very ill. Mrs Seymour's
[illegible] to
[illegible]

Tuesday [illegible] that I, H, I, which
I indeed in this - I took it down
three more than three weeks ago for
him to make it possible to [illegible].
I hope you will have no trouble
to get it washed.

Anna and I are ready to go
to Yuma on this evening train.
We have been trying to make up
to go there this long time. It
is cold and has rained some
today. We had arranged to go yester-
day but company, (Mrs Hugh Jones
and Mrs Thos Hanna) came in the
afternoon and staid to tea so we
were hindered. I saw Mr & Mrs Hanna

at Lewis' yesterday, they meant to go up on the new barn roof.

The men have been at work on the large barn, John I and first - William was very sick then so we had to hire a man the heavy work which needed to be done there. Then the masons came and as we could see the man very large - John Eddie had to do his best to wait on him. The second day he unfortunately let fall a large stone against the mason's fingers, hurting them pretty badly so that he had to leave. Afterwards his father came to finish the John Eddie in mixing mortar sprattered lime into his own eye. Anna and Sarah got it out as well as they could and washed the eye with sweet milk. That was

Friday by Sunday his face was [illegible]
[illegible] but his eye was [illegible]
The eye is pretty well now but it
is his nose, upper lip and cheek [illegible]
pretty well developed.

Have we told you about Mary
Roberts has on her tongue? It has been
very painful. Dr Williams has been
from the first
afraid that it was cancer. She has
suffered intensely and it has changed
very fast lately, so that Dr Williams said
he must have some one to consult
with. He and Dr. Guiteau were there
Monday of this week. On account
of her age and feebleness they do
not think it advisable to cut it
out and they give no encouragement. She is very patient and quiet,
She says she does not suffer so
much as she has done. I called
there a little while last evening. Mrs.
Rachel Price is there with her —

Mrs. F. C. Thomas is no better. She is very feeble now.

We have papered the study and put it in order. I wish you could see it. We have also new papered our room upstairs. We want to see you so much. When do you think you can come? Is money coming in a little better? How do you prosper? There is a man from Aldenbrae [illegible] around once a week with fresh fish. Yesterday we got some shrimps and fried some for dinner - today we baked the rest of it, and have a nice pan baked which we are going to take to Eddie. We enjoyed the fish even so much. We have still three or four pieces of corned beef, so we are provided. [illegible] and William made a nice large flower bed in the garden yesterday. You ought to see it. Our strawberry vines are full [illegible]

Train [illegible]

My dear home friends,

I was [illegible] disappointed not to have [illegible] from last evening, but I [illegible] was about staying till next [illegible] came, Our visit seems very short indeed – only that I am sure you will need us – or [illegible] or something, – I would stay. You must [illegible] to me [illegible] I have now which has [illegible] will take. The [illegible] the [illegible] the next train, We will not [illegible] anyway.

The [illegible] getting [illegible] We went to the store for [illegible] and got a [illegible] things for me [illegible]

and slept to dinner. We had
at the table it was very nice and
we had all we wanted and to spare
enough for another meal of
same. That is about
fish that was indeed!
Mr. Lewis is not well this
evening. Guy stays in
tending to some number business.
This makes it more lonesome for
Eddie. He expects Mr. Lewis home
Saturday evening.
We got some plantings in today
out for Willie and Ben got
some out from town.
Eddie's garden looks pretty well
the potatoes and peas have
just started, it is cold. The
beets and cabbage plants we set
Mother was in and some flower
house plants and they
look beautifully. She has taken a

[illegible] little flower beds etc.

You can tell by this that I am not in a writing mood. It was most twelve when we went it was, and I said well the [illegible] of the night - that was left. Anna is reading a story to the little boys. I guess I had better stop and leave this to the [illegible] [illegible]

1. The bird is filling the house with song.

All unite in love. We hope surely there will be some word from you tonight.

[illegible]

Saturday p.m., the dear children
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

cold so early. Cousin Mary
her to make her a visit but Sarah
does not think it advisable. Her stomach
is better and thinks, she will need
to go to the seaside or mountains from
Cousin Mary told Sarah I would
like to visit you sometime in
the Fall. I thought I would be
pleasanter for her to when she
is not so that she might have com-
pany to the sight seeing, she
would not wish to add to your ex-
penses, of course, but I thought if we
could arrange it so that you could pay her
part she would enjoy it. She is not
as well as usual now - Fannie and
Sunday night, one of us to go there do
not saying, that her mother had
one of those sinking spells a night
or two ago - such as she used to have
years ago. What would you think of her coming
going down with me say next week

from Jane Swan 1878

us from Lizzie herself - the first since her mother's death, I will copy it for you. "Denbigh Nov. 12, 1828,
My dear Julia - I am really sorry and ashamed your good kind letter has been so long unanswered, but I have been very ill and quite unable to do it sooner.
Thro' my health and spirits and all utterly broke down when I lost my precious mother, and it is only the last few weeks my mind interest in things are returning; I once it was wrong to be so ill broken, but the blow struck upon my system before I had something to do with it, and mama was all the world to me. I felt as if the best part of my own life was gone and did not care in this [illegible] what became of it; in fact as my greatest wish was to go after her, the hand of my Saviour and comfort in these [illegible]
I cannot [illegible] dear mama [illegible] particulars as the [illegible] passed away [illegible] her dear [illegible] pain, to trouble [illegible] write more.
Thanks for so much for your [illegible] I value it highly, [illegible] Spoke to me about what [illegible] me, and I think he has been [illegible]

to Mr. Thomas, but I will enquire more particularly tomorrow, when he will be [illegible] probably call. He was all very busy, as I was giving my treat up at Christmas, I think I have met with a very nice successor and I do hope she will [illegible] stay to part with my dear girls and governess but Fairholme is not the place it was to me, it seems empty and desolate all the full — All my friends have been exceedingly kind and the dear ones in the home with me, it would not have been for their love and affection what should I have done? — I wonder how it is that none of my relatives either in Illinois or Chicago have written me one line of sympathy in this the greatest sorrow of my life. Do they think that a short funeral is no need of kindly words or sympathy? I often fancy some of my dear friends [illegible] their own [illegible]. I must conclude this little [illegible], as I am afraid if I do not write it I will [illegible] put it off for another week or two. Hoping you are all quite well, with love to [illegible] all — Your affectionate cousin Lizzie Williams."

All my friends [illegible] for ice cream.

It was about writing for ice cream.

That [illegible] I was to speak to Mr. Thomas, but he has not been [illegible]

Mr. G. Concerning it has not been [illegible] to do anything as Mr. R. I [illegible] Thomas to write to him, I had a kind letter from Mr. Childs, the last he ever wrote. He had been ill but thought he had [illegible] it and thanks told that I would be prepared it and thanks it is now in press. I must try to write you to him —

Monday P.M.

I am here alone. Mary had to have some change made in her basque & did not get it till 11½ A.M. today. We did not therefore go out till after 2 P.M. When we got through trading she went down town to make enquiries about the boat and I came here to make ready to start. After she left me I remembered that I had no key to get it in. When we were at Mrs. Jones' Saturday I remembered that they said Mrs. J's key would fit both houses so I went there but found it only fitted the outside door. I hastened to 430 that Mary might remember and get here first, But I found only a locked door. I ventured to ask help of the wife of the janitor. She tried all

her key without success - then I thought I could climb in through one of the inside windows and by help of a chair and stool succeeded. The door is still locked and I have been here nearly two hours. It is not likely that we can start tonight as it is 6 P.M. now. I am expecting Mary every moment and write this to keep my nerves steady. I am enjoying my stay here and Mary is feeling better. If eating well is living well we belong to the aristocracy. We went over to Mary's church last evening. I was rather tired and did not go anywhere during the day. I thought of you a great deal and wished I knew how the S.S. class did and whether you took the books &c. Did ma go to church? How do you like the monument?

What did that Rudolph say when they heard I was married to Mary and I left Mrs Hughes in the kitchen to entertain them?

Did you get the letter I wrote Saturday? I have been looking all day for some line from you when I ought rather to have been writing to you. How do you get along especially in the morning? Does George get up and have the house warm before it is very late. Is he careful to do as he promised me about eating less butter? We have not yet disposed of what I brought down but have been promised at least 24 lb. by that lady to whom Mary expected to sell it - but she said if we can do any better we are at liberty to do so. Mary has been out all day - she hopes to go with me this evening to see about the butter. She is quite busy and has hardly recovered from that fall. She promises to take me some day to see the place. I am very glad I came if only you get along well.

It is very pleasant here and mild - no snow, the sidewalks clean and dry. I wish very much Sarah and Anna were here - it would do them good, I am sure, and they could not help enjoying it. I was in the other part of the flat yesterday and think them very pleasant. They say Mr. can open the door from her room into the back room and make a fire there if she wishes. We mean to try and put those little dark rooms in better order. Mary has a woman come in to sweep once a week - we expect her tomorrow.

Saturday evening I went with Mary to make calls and had a good time. Last of all we called on Mrs. Jones and were invited to dinner Sunday - when we had chicken pie - very nice indeed it was and well appreciated - we also had fruit cake - some of Mrs Jones' New Year cake - very good.

Saturday afternoon we went to look at cloaks - Mary fancies the Astrakan

they are worn a good deal - so are sacks. If Sarah has a sack he (it) had better be rather large that she may put something under it. I hope to hear from you so that she can have it before Sunday. I have not heard from Irvin yet but between Mary and me perhaps we could pay for the cloak if you need to use that butter check. Have you sent it that I may endorse it? Did you get the missing statement? so that we may know how much of that money ought to be William and Sarah's.

Write to let us know what you want us to send - I have not been into the stores much and cannot tell prices - so if anything you ask for costs too much we can wait for it till we are rich.

Our things from home are very nice - the bread is so good - not hard or dry in the least - thank you very much for putting in two loaves - also the butter

you ought to taste how sweet it is — and all the other things are good as good can be. Mary is surprised to see me eat pickles with such relish — I should not have been sorry if I had brought more. Mrs. Jones is much obliged for the butter. She is taking the smallest roll also.

We are to have sweet potatoes to supper — we got a grant for 6 cts 5 cts Monday night — and had some to eat for breakfast with fresh fried fish Sunday morning. I had to eat dinner alone today as Mary did not get in till 2½ p.m. and it is now ~~after~~ 6 and supper waits her appearance — Tomorrow we expect to go to some of a course of Historical lectures — Mary had two tickets given her — I wish Sarah or Anna could go with her instead of me — don't you?

I got a good pair of rubbers for 25 cts shall I send you some? How are they at Lewis' and how are you all?

I am sending also to ask Eddie. Am glad he is going to attach. Will you go with them & see if he will be at home -

433, W 34th St New York
Feb 12, 1877.

My dear Dicks,

Anna's letter came this morning and another a few days before. I do not know how to excuse myself for my neglect in writing - I am feeling much better of my cold - Yesterday we went with Mrs Jones to visit Miss Mary Hoge. We had arranged to do so last Friday when we had a visit with her at Mrs Jones - and this & rained yesterday we decided to go. We enjoyed ourselves very much and were not sorry

we went. Miss Hogg expects to be married soon to a Mr Sparks. He came there to tea yesterday and every one was very kind to us - Mary was anxious to get - here for her Office hours so we sat - down to tea before Mr. S. came, but - he was there before we left - the table. Mary came home on the elevated as she was in a hurry but - as it was raining we left Mrs J and I took the street car and walked across from 2nd avenue. We got - home first - and I was quite frightened to find Mary had not - come - Mrs Jones went - straight - home and I came alone from 9th av. so I did not - have her to consult. - It - was nearly half an hour before Mary came - I went - to ask Mrs Simpson if she supposed there could have been any accident. - She did

not-think I need fear for Mary-
but-I was very glad indeed when
at-last-she came-she had
been hindered —

We are trying to write to
Eddie by the same mail
as this. If he likes to accept
that proposal we think it-
will be well all around.
He would be a good deal
of comfort-for Sarah and
get-a deal himself. I had a
card from him this morning
asking what-I thought-of it-;
he said he would have
written a letter only he did
not-have a stamp - I will
send him a little money
and stamps. — Mate says
he is doing nicely and is
a good boy. —

How is Sarah's cough? Mary
wishes very much you and

she could come down here and stay awhile - She thinks she could cure Sara and you would find it - do you lots of good even if you do not need curing - My hands are most well only I have a few little pimples or boils - My old has gone somewhere only my voice is not quite clear yet.

This is written in great haste - I will try to write again more particularly. Many likes the cloak and looks very nicely in it - the express charge for bringing it back was only 40 cts. -

We propose to have blanks printed to send as bills and receipts - I will send you a draft - and will be glad to know soon how you like it -

since coming down and enjoy being once in society. Mary seems to have more work of friends by and with her to call and hearts remind of dear mother. Mary reminds of Thos - all to see them & Mary & she is to Mary & Mrs. Jones invites him to occupy a bed at her house and Mary will enjoy having him here to visit her. - It has rained in one this morning, that it will be just the chance for Anna to have nice company to come down. I have been here two months most and it is time for a change. I am feeling much better now and

I hope Anna will grow strong too when she comes down; so you may look out for me Wednesday evening - I am sorry not to give you time to write first but if I waited another day the chance of coming with Lewen would be lost - It will not do to leave Mary alone as she really need some one with her. She is kept quite busy now - and it is pleasant being here, she is looking and feeling much better than when I first came down. We send to day the wooated and the ribbon and a little broma, I can pack it. We would have sent oranges only those in the market have been frost-bitten and we are waiting for an other vessel to come in. Capt. Minnis, a friend and patient of Mary's has promised

Please give our warmest love to Father Mother Phillie and Lillie Mary Ellen Some good ones for us. I am almost inclined to get a barrel and send some to Cousin Mary but do not like to venture. If we canned get a good one and sixth a bbl I will try to bring a few of the best I can find in my trunk enough to last till there are better ones in the market.

That med. was for you to take all around – we will send more. It is a new remedy – Mary and I find it does no good – it seems to put new life in the system.

We can get bread baked here now and if anything should prevent my going home this week you need not take anything to send with Owen. If you have a little dried corn to spare, it will be very acceptable

but do not- ask yourselves. We can get- canned corn here very reasonably. We had not- heard any of what- Mary brought- but- after I got your letter I cooked some and found it- very nice. I do not- need that thick dress now that I have got- my cold, I put- an extra wrapper in and find my calico very comfortable mornings. Anna had better bring both sacques so she can wear one and Mary the other and so she can finish them here if she likes - I could wear her old one at- home. -

We went- last- Thurs. evening and had a pleasant- time- will tell you about- it- when I get- home. It is very pleasant- and mild here today just- such weather as Anna (or both) would enjoy - Wish Anna could come too for a few weeks it- would do her good. - I have made a number of pleasant- friends

we thought - We had
to bring $146 on it
We My dear Sisters
near and 30 lb
for the little knapsack
4 lb - had been under
5 lbs - would have
some for 25 cts - under
10 lbs 50 cts - & C
is with you - dodie - we
should appear to hear
when Mary tells all
safely - and also what
Eddie & I did - the march,
1-4 hrs;
Mary is
found Eddie, 15 cal-

Owen reached, New York
7-15 a.m. Saturday. Mary met-
him at the depot - and they
walked around some and
visited Stewart's "Home for Women"
before coming here. He had
not slept much in the cars
and so was pretty tired; and
glad to eat - and visit - After
dinner he went down to
call on Johnny Owen in
Blatlin's Store; and from
there he went alone to see the P. O.
building - and got back
here a little after three.

Mary and I went with him
to the Park and one had
a pleasant time in the
museum. Mary had to come
home for her office hour while
Owen and I went to call
of Jennie Owen. We found
the number and street without
trouble and enjoyed our call.
The house was built by Tweed
and was very large and grand.
They had had a reception the
evening before and had two
beautiful baskets of flowers
in the windows which graced
the table at the time of their
company. Mrs Lewis, Jennie's
aunt gave one some of the
flowers. Sunday Mary took
Owen to her church in the
morning and in the afternoon
we went to hear Dr John Hall.
We had a good forward seat

so that I could understand a little. Dr. T. seems about 60 - a pleasant - easy speaker. He used no notes - read his text from one of those parts of the scriptures - like ones during the first half of the time and held the book in his hand as if referring often to the text.

The church is the most beautiful I ever was in. -

We did not go to church in the evening as Owen felt tired, Mary went out to try to find out about the trains for Phila. as Owen wanted to reach there by 9 a.m. today. When we went to Mrs. Jones and David had come home about 10 p.m. - he said Owen had better start at midnight as it would not be safe for him to go at 3 o'clock alone through that part of

city as he availed. So David went with him about 11 p.m. to see him safe on the cars.

Mary is delighted with that saque. She wore it yesterday over my silk dress, and she looked very grand.

If it is not too late I would like mine straight around the bottom, ~~about the same length~~ a little longer than hers is in the back — and two little square pockets — longer than they are deep — with the border on three sides — they are to be sewed on — I wrote when I first sent the worsted but Mary did not quite like something I had in the letter and I wrote it over and forgot to say again about the saques. If you have it most done — don't try to change it — it is very pretty as it is. We find we cannot send by express so cheap as

Ask Eddie about those notes he gave me to settle with the old firm. What prospect is there for payment? We must try to get some thing to live for the minute too soon. I will try to find that for Mr. Hayes this week. How soon will they probably fill the butter tub?

How will it do for us to try
to give $5 this year — 2 in
your name 2 in mine and
1 in Aunt Eddie's and let-
it be final payment towards
making Eddie a life member.
Do you think we can get-
the money! If we cannot-
we cannot give less - Perhaps
I can spare a little to send-
if you need. Let me know-
what you do.

other evening and he said that he thought it would be well to ask Gwesyn or one of the other ministers to put the subject before our next Synod and urge the friends to buy it = What would you think of that? If Gwesyn will do it, people would see that he is in sympathy with us in its publication. He would you rather ask someone else? We received the engravings all right — do not say whether you think them fine enough. Bank note engraving — or linen engraving, as it is called, is finer, but on account of the expense is not used so much for portraits. That, we were told cost $250 for cutting one portrait — without printing any copies — We thought of having a 12mo. book about the size of this sheet — Would you rather

have a larger portrait for this size page? What would you think of having our borgeois font sent here and set - the expense? Do you think it practicable? I would get a pretty Cabinet Stand and have it by the front window where Mary's table now is - Perhaps John Eddie will send postal cards to some firms in the city and learn the price of such stands - Mary has patients in the family of an expressman and she thinks she could get him to carry the type to be printed &c. There is no office near where we could have proofs taken I would have to do it - with a soft plane - and you would need to be here, perhaps too, to read the proof. - My health is good so that I would not dread setting so much as I used to - Would it be better for me to go home and set it - there? Printing can be done nicely and cheaply here - the setting, is the

meat - expensive. Of course, we usual - buy sorts if we do it here. How do you think [illegible] sounds would look for the poetry? -

Mary has gone to College this p.m. She has promised to lecture once a week and this is her trial day. She was hindered - and helped - so - naturally today all the time that she had to go without preparing as she hoped to do. I shall be very glad to see her safely through the task. She had to learn patients for one to give electricity to them - as it was time for her to start. She said Kathryn ought to criticise her for taking so much on her hands! - We will try to send some changes to you soon if not next week - will write when. Do you make good use of those canned goodies that were in the cellar? Did they keep well? Are the tomatoes all used? We had some to dinner today and thought of you. Mary took lunch with a friend last Sunday and had oysters fresh and ripe strawberries we have had salad several times - we paid 4, 6, & 8 cts. a head for it - think we only bought 3 times - at different times

Saroyan, 58 I wrote yesterday - I sent a cable to Dear Emily the head telling him of the accident - which would delay your letter to him and the sending of the money. I wrote him again: 4-5-41 - to D.C. 4 I would write to Dear Emily again today: 21 - is strange I never had a letter from her - at all - nothing - not even a card - not even a line. Well I think what I would do is to wait 10 days - if I have not heard by the 12th I will write Mr. Nash - 240 Madison Ave. N.Y.C. and tell him I can sell enough copies and to carry publishing
yesterday morning - also one from brother Eddie. He seems to think best - to delay the collecting Form and I sent him a card this a.m. saying that we would let it go.
We have had no time to think or consult - for we have had a terrible accident - here. Yesterday morning about 11 Mrs. Leipas - the mother in the family who tends Mary's door when she is out - was fatally burned. She was in the basement preparing dinner when her dress caught fire from the range. She had on only a light - thin, calico, wrapper

Her daughter hearing the screaming ran down and seeing her mother enveloped in flames, turned quickley and came to find the Dr! but - She was so confused and hysterical that we did not understand, and as Mary on opening the door saw smoke coming from below she first ran to tuch the fire alarm and it was some minutes before any one found that Mrs. Seipas was burning. The fire was extinguished before Mary saw her. Nearly half the surface of the body was burned except the face and head - the several on the front of the body and limbs. Mary did all that she possibly could - and was with her all night - Dr Wait was most of the time and Dr. Lilienthal came twice - They succeeding in relieving the great

this morning
pain - and they had some hope that she might recover, but the shock was too great. She died at 11 a.m. today just about 24 hours from the time of the accident. She had five children - four sons and ~~two~~ one daughter - all here except the eldest son who is in St Paul, Minn. She had also a sister in law living with her and who was with her when her clothes took fire - but she fainted - It was altogether a very trying time

Two of the sons and the aunt were ~~at~~ one at the same time in a dead faint - and the daughter screaming with uncontrollable ~~with~~ grief - Mary is very much worn and she is now sleeping. She had been up nearly all the night before with another patient on the third floor of this house - a man almost delirious after drinking and

all day yesterday.
When she could leave Mrs Seiyas she had to go up to see the man. You will easily understand utterly helpless we were. Truly as one lady who called said – ~~She often thought of that verse~~, "In the midst of life we are in death."
We are gladdened by the good news of our dear John Eddie's new hope in Jesus. How precious the thought – that we are now all of us, as we hope, with our faces Zionward, pressing on to the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. And help us that we may not take our crown. Let us pray for one another!
I had a precious letter from John this a.m. but Mary has not read it yet, so I cannot send it with this – I will try to remember next time – Mrs. Jones thought it better for one of us to write to

[illegible] York, Jan 15, [illegible]

Dear Willie ~~[illegible]~~, Sister

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

If you do get any kind of
smiles for me, I think Mr. J. Jones
would lend you the money if you
haven't got enough yourself till I
could send it to you. I do not
know indeed as you will think
me wise in wishing you to
get me any such things – use your
own judgement and write to me
anyway. When may we hope to
see you home again? We are
longing to see you once more.

We did not succeed in getting
that vaccine to work – we tried
it on J. Eddie the day after it was
received – we fear we do not
have skill enough to use it rightly.

Mother wishes me to say in
regard to Cynthia that she does
not like to take anything unless
you advise it.

Very aff. your sister
Jennie

seemed to her that Cynthia was very much as she had seen Nellie Robert (Thomas now) at times. She has got over them. I believe hers were hysterical - are not Cynthia's also? What would you advise us to do if she has another when we can send for a Dr.? None but we unlearned in physics have as yet seen her at such times. Even if she took no medicine from a doctor here would he not be able better than we to judge and note her symptoms. Anna did not know what to do - and we would not any if we knew were, we in her place. Please advise us.

Now Mary, for my own request - you know how hard it is for me on account of my want of learning to get along with my intellectual school class. Do you know - or could you find out about

something that I could wear at that time to help. It does not seem to me that it would injure my hearing on the whole - perhaps it would help me. If you can get something and send with Eddie I shall be so glad. I often think I never shall be any better - I hope I am thankful that I'm no worse. As to father. I really believe he could be very much helped if not cured. You ask Mrs. D.J. Jones again please, how it was about that friend of hers with whom she once went to the infirmary, and who had hardened wax in the ears. I have been talking to mother and I believe she is quite inclined to make a trial. So if you will but encourage them a little I should not be surprised if you saw them both before long.

You ought to see Carroll. He walks all about I believe: he is a little timid with us yet and has kept pretty close to his father and Mother — John Eddie has just come from school and they are getting painted pretty fast. — This is this summer John Eddie's first school day — and he did not feel willing to lose the first. Pete and Eddie brought us a box of maple sugar — we had sent for some. But Ed. will tell you all about it. I wish you could be home to enjoy our visit with Mate and Carroll — we have enjoyed Eddie's being with us today very much — he is at Lewis' now.

Daniel Jones is very sick — he is not expected to live but a very short time. Mr. Jones and Lewis were there to see him yesterday.

and make up my mind to send for a crate because matter does not think we need them as we have heard. We have had a nice lot of tomatoes and some elderberries and with ours was all we should use this year — this is the first letter to Mr. Bingham about butter. Does he want it? Have all of ours been that, don't you think we can? What are you getting now? 25 & 30 cts. per lb. I have had of yours and Mrs. Hunt's — is very nice. Mrs. Hunt's is very much liked. Mrs. Hoyt & family came all right and very welcome it was.

About the butter — we have just finished the eighth cute. — they are called 60 weight but I heard some one say lately that they will hardly average that — more like 55. Mrs. Dr. Kendrick wished 50 weight & believe but we neglected to order such. Would she like ~~one of these~~ it to try one of these and which one? and how much a pound would she be willing to give — it all looks nice we think. I think she said that perhaps she could find a market for all we have

what chance is there of that?
Ax. mother asks, had we better
send to Ambler Bros? I have
forgotten Dr Bundick's address
and also the other so if you
advise us to send - give the
address also.

Lewis is quite poorly. Last week
Thursday as as he was trying
to go from his office to dinner
he fainted - but mother has
written about it - yesterday he
went to the office to work but
was hardly able to do so. Sammy
Ellis and mother went down
to see him yesterday morning
and Sammy drove on to the
office and brought Lewis to
the house to mother - he looks
as tho he had had a long
sickness - Sunday he did not
sit up but a very little - Mother
walked up and down the steps

to his house. In the afternoon Rich'd W. Prichard and wife came here and mother went into the garden through the front door and from there to the orchard — after supper she went down cellar from out doors to the pork barrel. She fell very smart and walked without her cane - she does not use a crutch now. In the night - She had a hard coughing spell and today has been feeling very poorly - so very, very tired that she has had to lie down a great deal. I think she is some better this evening. Mary Anne and little Beatie were here to tea and tonight - they have all, except mother, Mary and I, gone to church to hear Rev E R Lewis lecture on the Centennial; Anna is feeling better some

today. — Yesterday I had a letter from Mate saying Edward was quite sick — the Dr feared at first that he ~~would~~ was going to have typhoid fever, but when she wrote she said he hoped he had broken it up, and Edward had been able to eat a little that day — her letter was very short, we are hoping to hear again tomorrow.

We had a letter this P M from brother Buttens. They are pretty well — just commencing a new term — We have been having very cold weather, but it has grown warm again and very pleasant — we have a nice lot of apples and a good many pears on that tree in the garden — but we have not got any peaches — I fear I shall regret it all the year if we do not get any, but I can=

Cardine comes every week one or two days to help us – so we get along better – We expect to get the Cenhadwr out – this week and She has promised us two days. I think we will not wash this week – and the first day She comes instead of ironing She will make pies &c &c and then come our busy day – Sara will come then too if She is well and the roads permit –

Father sends £5 in this – I will send again to get some thing I want – a dress very much if you could

think of something
nice for me — and
could tell something
how much money I
ought to send for it —
I will do so — perhaps
you had — ed. better
send the boy just get
What does John Eddie
think about getting
a printing press? and
what do you think?
I want to know what
I ought to let him
have for my half of
it —— Jennie

Remsen, Jan. 13. 1881.

Dear Sister,

Your letter came last evening. The order from Columbus City which I sent to John Eddie - came in one of your letters while we were in Utica - you did not send the envelope only the letter and order - Perhaps John Eddie will remember something about whether you preserved the envelops of letters you received for me -

I fear ~~some~~ all my letters ~~have been~~ were not delivered to you. and I would be glad if you would enquire at Station E. whether they have any record of any registered ~~letters~~ for me other than the one you with that $5. from Rev. G. Roberts, Big Rock, Ill - also ask there and ~~also~~ of Postmaster James whether there are at their offices any letters of advice regarding orders I should

have. — I am sorry to trouble you, and and so save you
I hope John Eddie can do what is necessary
Did he get the order cashed finally & you
do not say — or whether you think Mr. James has
any doubt about my identity
~~any doubt that the order was mine~~.

Those kid gloves I thought I left in
your little bureau drawer I find are
here — hope you have not hunted
much for them — When you send the
box a package please do not put so high a valu-
ation on it as to excite suspicion. We
trust the papers will come safely in it —
as you are out of your room so much
we hardly feel safe to have them there.

We will probably be glad to have a box
sent as freight by and by if we decide to
have most of our things sent home.
We do not know about your getting matting for those
back rooms; it would not be so warm
as a carpet. Sarah is willing you should
put hers down — of course she does not
know so well as you how you mean to

use those rooms – she says if it will make you any more comfortable and you think best to do so, you had better use it. You would perhaps need to get something for lining as the carpet is not very heavy.

We had good letters from Edward and Mate last evening. M. was feeling better. E. had taken a hard cold in the woods but was getting over it. Mate wrote in good spirits. The boys were in school. They are reading the Bible. Carroll the whole, Charlie the Testament. For reading they might have either a Bible or a dollar. Charlie chose the last. Carroll the first. All of them have lately signed the temperance pledge at the M. E. Church where meetings are held every evening. Edward wrote that the morning after they had signed when they were at breakfast Charlie slipped quietly from his chair in search of his pledge, when his mother asked him what he wanted he said, "I want to see if coffee is on it." The meeting

are conducted by a Mr. Bundick, a talented, reformed, converted man," Eddie says.

Mr. Hughes had a donation at Dawson's last night. I went with Bobbie and Libbie Lewis and Jamie and Maggie were there. There were a good many there especially young people. I saw and spoke with Fred Owens and Jennie. A good many young married couples gave the brightness of there presence to the occasion. Fremont & Lydia, Johnny Davies and Maggie Thomas. Mary Price and her husband, Katy Parry and hers.—

Anna has such a cold that she did not dare to go. She has quite a sore throat which is much worse nights. She coughs some and is hoarse. Sarah says the throat looks red and inflamed. My finger joints begin to trouble me a little. Wish I had some of my med. Dr. Lyle advised for it.—

With much love from all to you both. Jennie Everett.

P.S. We have a great deal of snow now but the roads are pretty good. When have you heard from Mrs. H.?

[illegible], Mar 25. 1881.

Dear Sisters,

Louisa Griffith [illegible] home Friday, I think – Maggie also came [illegible] from Smin the same day and rode [illegible] with Mr. Gr. fr – the riders – they deserve [illegible] in here to bring the things that you [illegible] sd. We are much obliged to you and [illegible] for taking trouble to get them, & ought to send you money to pay for them and things that you get for us besides – please let us know how much.

Will it trouble you very much to send me some more med. such as Dr. Tiff. gave me for my head. I get the trouble when I get tired or worried – my right arm gives me a little uneasiness. I get to sleep morning and I have to shake it a good deal before it feels right; – and when I take the fire – i.e. draw the poker over the bars of the grate – my arm and hand seem to prick

it over - so it is when I write - I know but it is the nervous affection that I feel in my hand. The writing, feeling, I have in my hand and runs up my arm. - I seem to need to be out doors a great deal and now lately I have been more indoors.

Sarah continues quite ill. Her cough seemed better, night before last she coughed very much and a good deal last night. The weather is cold, with such a strong wind that it is hard to keep the house warm. Anna complains of feeling very weak. She does not venture to go from home for fear of taking cold. I shall be glad when Ida comes a little. We are anxious about you. Please let us know how you are. We are glad John Eddie is so much help and comfort to you - We hope you will do such other of the good you can - What will you do next summer? Nothing I suppose - with you but I cannot see now that can be.

I am writing to Eddie this
morning. We had a letter
from him Friday evening.
He intended to give this week
to arranging his affairs - shipping
his lumber, fixing his side a
walk - &c. so that he can leave
home and take up our work.
I am sending him the slip
which you wrote about Miss
Jones and the prospect in Nelson
I do hope he will have
some measure of success for
us. —

We are expecting Mate will
come with him and make
us a little visit - She does not
like to stay with us as She
fancies it - does not agree with
her here. - Do you think
it possible that there can
be any malaria in our

atmosphere - We have not had our cellar cleaned yet: I do not feel strong enough to undertake it and I do not know how it was done last year or whether we ought to do it or not: The windows are open of course -

We heard from cousin Lizzie from Rome, last week - She would be ready to visit us about two weeks she thought, if convenient to us - & we shall probably have her here soon. We want cousin Mary to come and Lizzie may stay with Jennie while she comes: I must write to them: We hope you will write soon and often. Give love to Mrs Jones, Lizzie Thomas & mother &c. I believe I long for New York and the many dear friends there:

[illegible] attends; [illegible]
[illegible] stays [illegible] nights;
[illegible] evening [illegible]
[illegible] and Libbie [illegible]
[illegible] some ice cream-
[illegible] trees [illegible] it - in half
[illegible] in heaps. We [illegible]
[illegible] Some of [illegible]
[illegible] it - very much - it [illegible]
[illegible] 9 o'clock [illegible]
Libbie waited [illegible]
as Carol [illegible]
- this, that [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
- [illegible] - the child said [illegible]
[illegible] letter - [illegible]
[illegible] - Did [illegible]

[illegible] Sunday was a lovely day and
[illegible] improved it by [illegible]
to [illegible] 'home' on the canal.
[illegible] is getting [illegible] well they think,
his leg was paining him much as
the bandage was too tight otherwise
he was comfortable. Annie is better
than during the first part of [illegible]

fuel before Anna would again round the house to the side back by the bedroom window and brought in a branch to blossom in the house. A little branch that she has had in (in water)
now several days, is opening its buds finely. Ben ought to see it. She has also some nice tomato plants in cans and some in the ground not yet transplanted - these with the geranium slips to make a fine house garden. - Anna has letter from her aunt yesterday. I wrote and got the letter Tuesday. Today is windy and chilly again. - I fear my last letter to you may make you uneasy about me. I am feeling better than I was then - I would be to get the med. tho'!

Monday was cold with a strong

coal wind, I was anxious to
to the village and so about 4 p.m.
I started on the canal. Had town
easily enough but had quite a bust
with the wind coming down. I
called at Hugh Lewis' to
Snack. She has been down stairs at
Amelia's some time in the winter
but the stranger did not like
her shoulder but it has made her
did not get along. About two weeks
ago she came home - Dr. Williams
found the bone broken and set it,
It does not join however - and
he fears he will be obliged to cut
the ends of the bones before they
will join - he is going to wait an-
other week - They told her what
he says and she, of course, worries
a great deal and feels quite dis-
couraged. - Dr. Williams is going
to keep a drug store in the village
- he has been building near him.

Thomas' Sister expects to open the 1st of April and then he says he will not practice any more. - Libbie is going to the wedding this morning, and Anna is getting ready to go with him - she will buy to make the dress and go in - to - to see Sarah once more if he will. - Libbie is intending to wait - his brother Wm. & R. expects to start next Friday and he says if it will cost much more he thinks he will come back through New York, so that he may see Sarah. He will probably write to you from Wilmington. Libbie and the baby are well - baby grows more and more interesting - is on my mind on him. There is an examination of teachers in the village this week. Libbie's brother

Rome, April 6, 1881.

Dear Sister and Nephew,

It is hard to know what to write about John Eddie's getting a school to teach. He had better speak to Robbie when he sees him as they (he & his mother) are coming home through New York. R. knows more about schools and wages than we do. John D. told me that George had had a letter from you. I asked him whether he thought would get schools for you, and he said he did not know. George could not tell — he did not know how many would be wanting schools — nor how many of the schools had been taken. John D. said he supposed that George would feel that he ought finally to [illegible] those with schools who had passed their (his) examination which he had

last week in the village, if there should be more schools than teachers in his district, he might give you a school. We have enquired some and find that it is rather [illegible] the schools have many of them been taken. The Green District school was taken before [illegible] came home - she intended to apply for that; now we understand she does not intend to [illegible]. It will not be very bad if John Eddie does not get a school, tho we would rather not have him disappointed. He could then finish his school year [illegible] and be ready for next year - perhaps he will be in the same school another year, we cannot tell, he probably will be in some school if his health is spared. and it may be a great advantage to him to have passed the examinations there. Then when vacation comes there will be work enough. There are a great-

many things we shall need done - we would gladly pay him wages so that he can be earning - One thing, we did engage to have 20 cords of stove wood sawed in our woods for winter - Griffith Jones was to do it - if he does not do it - now perhaps he will early in the summer - We shall have to get it split - and that I & Er could do.

I am writing this in great haste as we have just learned that Theodora to the village. Sarah continues quite feeble tho' we think she is gaining. She took a little fresh cold yesterday which aggravates her cough - She thinks the cod liver oil is helping her - We are sorry Mary feels so poorly - hope she will take care and get some cod liver oil. S. thinks you had better take ~~We had her letter today. We~~ got her letter today and [illegible]. We are having some cold stormy

weather with more snow and high winds. The roads are not good for wagons or sleighs — in places the sleighing is good, in others the ground is bare. — Lewis was here today — he went to the village in his cutter. and he got a letter from Jane dated, Phil. There was one yesterday from Robbie to Libbie. You will probably see them before you get this letter. Anna has some sore throat again, better today. She took a little cold two yesterday. She has some plums in blossom of which we will inclose a little for you — She has quite a garden in the house. — Write soon and often as you can. How are you getting along housekeeping? If you can, please send with Robbie a couple of large boxes of sardines.

Love from Jennie & the rest

[illegible], April 6, 1911.

Dear Sister Hilma,

[illegible]

[illegible] and not [illegible] [illegible]. Will Mary [illegible] or shall I get along without anything special from her? I have written three times [illegible] to Mary Smith's birthday [illegible] Can you find the name of her husband, also that of Lizzie Smith's, and send them to me? I have lost [illegible] look for my [illegible] I can find it now or not. It would be a help if I had it. Tho' perhaps I can get along without [illegible] it is. [illegible] all right. Most of our things I think I left in the [illegible] pretty when I came home that I did not

arrange the things as I might. I would rather not have seen the brink and things in the condition they were but never mind. She took it home last night because as Robbie said he could not carry it back, it in the buggy and then they brought it up from there the next day. Robbie said we were to have part the bananas and so the girls divided them with silli and the candy also – there were only two oranges which fine said were one for Anna and me – the box the ambrosia we also have, but we do not know to do with it – we think from the picture that it is intended for drink – fine says they have a box too and they are just as much at a loss as we – please enlighten us. The Easter egg is very pretty and Sarah sends thanks for it. You need not trouble about artificials I got a box in the village Thursday last. They keep them in the new store where to be. – small box 1/6d. I also got a box fine white, 1/8d and prunes 2/- do. so you

J.W.H. was Counties 13 do.

Thomas is quite a pleasant with the
John Williams to Utica for oranges and we
buy—we have dealt with him three times now—
the last time—Wednesday—he brought us 4 lbs
oranges 35 cts per doz and 6½ lbs [illegible] at 4 lbs.
—his charges for bringing this was 25 cts.—making
his bill $1.53. The last time before we had 2 doz oranges
and beat the amount as this did not
his bill amounting only $1.75; so 2 oranges
are a trifle higher. They are the thoroughbred in the
boys, very nice and the girls eat two or three every
day. We get fresh eggs and have them once
and sometimes three—and with the
girls usually take a lunch of warm bread
and milk just before retiring. We have
some nice veal now—we got 4 lbs of kidney
a few days ago when we butcher, and yesterday
day we baked a piece. We have had
twice a day baked a pie and nice pies
sometimes onions, [illegible] We [illegible]
I forgot to mention the small basket pickerel peaches
Lewis [illegible] and board with us? We are very glad you

have made in the good use of those [illegible]
days - wish it could have been as many weeks
and there would have been [illegible] been
getting well - I wish I had not [illegible] so fast
as I did leaving so many things that I want to
get and to do, but it was perhaps best so.
My visit about Ithica did me much good and
I am well ever since - That is I may
usually
[illegible] I take three doses and am resting
as directed - I do not get any effect from it yet.
Thursday I went to the village to [illegible] in singing
[illegible]. Bessie has a hired boy Theodore Williams
and they were busy chopping in the woods - So
I went in the buggy alone. I had a pretty
rough ride, that as the snow is still
pretty deep in some places, I must
tell about it - in - Now R. is ready
to start. Sarah seems a little better
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

I feel as if I [illegible] about a visit.

Remsen June 7, 1881.

Dear Sister,

This must be a short letter as I fear I may not have time to write more and I know you ~~[illegible]~~ be longing for a home letter. ~~We~~ I did not know anything about your cutting your hand till we got your last letter - and we feel very much troubled about it. So much pain and difficulty in using it must wear upon you sadly especially as you are all alone and far from well. How glad we would be if only we could do something for you! It almost seems that it would be better for you to go to Mrs. Twombly's or somewhere else and rest. You ought not to have any care outside of your [illegible] - and you need to be so that you can have your meals regularly and other attentions that you cannot give to yourself. If your health gets better, you can do so much more

you Knows! But-I do not-
I cannot find time to weigh the pros
and cons. It certainly must be very
for to be paying so much rent without
really having the good of so much room
because it is not furnished and cared
for. I should dearly love to see you
but must try to trust that God is leading
us, tho' it is in a way full of darkness
and uncertainty. It has seemed that
Sarah is a little better these last days
For ~~two~~ three days now it has been too cold for
her to ride - yesterday she walked out
a little way into the yard. This afternoon
Wm W Thomas and wife called to see her.
Sarah enjoyed seeing them. They had
not been able to come before. Sarah
got some tired of course but rested
afterwards. Mrs T. would not take off her
Hat. She still suffers with neuralgia
tho' not so much as before —
Robbie starts. I must stop —
Love Jennie

[illegible] so much and it [illegible] [illegible] — John Eddie and Bobbie went [illegible] [illegible] I spent last night. She [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dance and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — This afternoon the boys went together to a rainy day [illegible] [illegible] at J. H. Gidd's — went [illegible] came home in time with [illegible] and left for Eddie visiting, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the came home as I was [illegible], and fared better with him — finally stayed with the horses for a few minutes, then Freddie went with them to the village. There is to be a concert there tonight and our boy wanted to see how they progress. — It is a great comfort to have his company and help. He is studying Latin and expects to have his final examination with Prof. Evans next Tuesday evening. He is looking well and of good cheer. We hope it will be no great loss to him — not to go from home

final-now. Little he could have a [illegible] to write a word to him to tell him if he did [illegible] absence from Mrs. Libby. It is hard for us to decide, what the winter will bring us. Dr. Elms was here yesterday and he told Anna that he thought Sarah would be strong enough to go before the winter sets in. He asked if we had thought of going in particular and told him the [illegible] he suggested. Sunset — was pleased as he visited Sarah to have the benefit of some sea breeze. He thinks Sarah is doing well now if only she could eat more. Her appetite has been poor lately and the last two weeks — Dr. is now giving her a preparation to help in digestion, tastes like malt-like jelly, it is a complete dose. Today she took two tablespoonfuls yesterday and today before she went to bed so her mind is clear and strong. Today [illegible] Dr. Elms has been taking a good deal for some letter written after [illegible] visited Hamilton — we hope to find it [illegible]

Can't remember all you wrote. Dr. thinks he will need to go from here for a month or two — will be probably, before he gets a house or rooms there! — Dr. left for [illegible] Mon. Oct 6th for a few days — or rather I missed some, as I looked to see if I had not put yours in the top. I cannot find matches while I write this, but will look them to-day but are not much hope in them back. Will you please look in the lower drawer among the boxes — perhaps they are there — We might perhaps, to kill [illegible] that we bought a basket of pears yesterday — Sarah is very fond of them and we hope she will be able to enjoy them. She wants me to come some and see them with, now that we may try how good they are. We mean also to send to Mrs. for some grapes — we think we can send by Wed. Mrs. has very kindly Dr. would send to and all the family

Wilkesbarre Oct. 28. 1881,

We are waiting the mail for the letter you promised - have heard nothing since that card the last of the week - Edward came home quite unexpectedly Tuesday evening - he was disappointed in not getting books he had ordered from G.J.G. and therefore did not go to Ohio or return through New York as he wrote you he intended to do - We fear you are disappointed in not seeing him - He left here for Jim last evening - could not tell till he sees Mate whether he can go again this fall or not - He was quite successful this time as well as the other - He was in good spirits but somewhat worn by his labors - Sarah continues gaining - We are thinking quite seriously of Dunmore. We must send a letter to you as we cannot write much on a card. Today is the Reunion meeting - Hannah went this P.M. & this A.M.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

M. A. Everett M.D.
433 W 34th St
New York

Remson Oct. 11, 1861.

Dear Sister

Your letter received last eve. We do not think that it would be practicable for us to stop with you, tho' we thank you all the same. Sarah would not be able to go up and down stairs as you propose. She is weaker by far than you seem to think, and it is doubtful to us about her being able to endure the fatigue of the journey unless she had a very great-reaching place afterwards. Do you still think Dunellen a favorable place for her. She was almost discouraged because you write that Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Thomas think it will be too cold there. Dr. was here yesterday and Sarah seemed quite bright and cheery then - he spoke encour-

again by - S. had taken some cold those freaky cold nights of last week and suffered with her side again but that was so much better that Dr. did not do anything for it. Last night was freaky again and she is worse again - coughs a good deal more - The sun is clear this morning, and it is comfy for a little - Dr. insists a great deal upon her getting out at 11 a.m. - Sometimes we are greatly discouraged - the cold weather is coming, is early and her strength is so small - there has been really no length of warm weather for her to gain in - tho' we have had warm days - there have been almost as many cold. If everything could be arranged so that there would be no trouble in New York or at Dunellen - do you think it possible to have it so? How I wish you were not so confined by your business as that I could

so to see I have everything changed.
Perhaps Eddie will come home through
N. Y. and do it for us. I think
sometimes I will write to Mrs. Adams
and see what he says about [illegible]
and not. Do you think I could
help us? What would you [illegible]
about [illegible] I [illegible]
with a coal stove for the parlor
I have no [illegible] I think I
would write first to see if can get
what comes to mind. [illegible]
death and a sudden one - has
been most sick bed [illegible]
[illegible] to Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. Adams
and tear to remain to our dear dear

[illegible]

[illegible] Sister

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [

a little sore throat now and
then for several days. Uncle Henry
Hatton came here Wednesday and died
all night, and we thought at first
the trouble ... then chest was
hardly at least from over exertion
talking louder than usual with
him. I meant to see the Dr.
yesterday and told as well as I
could how she was. He said he
was afraid there was some pneumonia
and told us to apply mustard to her
chest. He will come to see her
today and after that I will write
you again. I told him I hoped
this would not prove very serious—
he called it "a bad cold," as
I spoke of it, but circumscribed pneu-
monia is not a pleasant thing to
have in connection with the
cold is." I think she is not as
well as she was yesterday but

is pretty [illegible]. She mustard
[illegible] some, but she was not [illegible]
to keep it on long, as it made
her do nervous. We have sent
[illegible] then this morning, [illegible]
reddened after last night.
had a little stitch in her left
side last evening, which was relieved
with mustard and seems [illegible]
this pains her some today still,
is [illegible] bad [illegible]. We are very grateful
to you for kindly thinking to help us
all in case we should come to stay,
but are afraid there would be no room
this time, - with Emerson and children
[illegible], visitors and all. - I do not
think she has been able yet to take the
journey, - but cannot tell of course
how it will be. Wish we could come
with you [illegible]
now is to have her relieved of this
cold. We feel very anxious, but try

wife for tea.

Emma has written to me and I
must have been reading it over. The smells
in the house are beautiful and the
birds are not so nice as pain fruit. Little
she not doubt have much appetite. Little
brought S. a nice fat partridge. Day
before last. We cooked it yesterday. It is
very nice and tender and they enjoy
it as much as they enjoy eating anything.
I have been having cold drizzly wet
but today is clear after a hard frost last
night. We have not got the apples all in
and a good many have been injured
by frost. so that they can not be kept.
We intend having cider made for
vinegar from part. I am going to the
[illegible] for a
[illegible] to put in the pickle and must
[illegible] home. Emma
with me.

the memoir asked, Shall I would you have? I was thinking this morning that I would be a sad blow to have a little would to many us as a family & do friends. & do for the [illegible] what [illegible] asked [illegible] and asking them hearts suffering in the future for Mr. Dame's [illegible] his endeavors to continue [illegible] the [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] became [illegible] can be no [illegible] killed or more [illegible] memorial to [illegible] memory than a [illegible] [illegible] of his [illegible] [illegible]

on time for Sarah's dinner and he enjoyed it-really. The [illegible] was [illegible] out-it was [illegible] thing for her, so we took it out and feasted on it ourselves. We thank Mrs. Van Buren very much for her kindness in cooking it for us. and the final birds I do not know how to thank her enough but you must do it for us.-We were highly entertained with your rhymy letter-you quite surpassed yourself that time. Try again, please!-I fully intended writing so that you might have a letter Saturday night-but somehow failed to do so. Mr. was here last morning-he said the main thing now is for us to give Sarah all the nourishment possible. Anna asked him if he could suggest

Anna asked if we ought to urge her to eat - he said not if we thought she was taking all her stomach would bear. Anna said that she feared Sarah was losing ground - yes, he replied, she is, gradually. He told Anna & Addie that if she was not able to take more nourishment he did not think she could live till spring. We try to do what we can, and if you can help us in any way, please do, that's a dear sister. If you send a bird or anything again we think it would be better not to cook it, but to freeze it - and then we could cook when she felt like eating it. The cranberries you sent unfortunately tasted of the box - it would be better to send such things for us to cook. The grapes were very nice and acceptable. Cousin Hattie Roberts came on the noon train Saturday with her friend David Williams. She brought a quart of very nice oysters a couple of sweet-oranges, a bunch & two of

while grapes, some celery also a can of peaches and bottle of vinegar from cousin Mary. Anna had written telling Mary that Sarah was longing for pickled peaches - and asking her if these were any to be had. Mary sent these because she did not have or find any pickled. She thought if we put spiced vinegar on these they might answer. - We have taken half of the can to try. Sarah enjoyed what Hattie brought - She & Anna had broiled oysters to supper Sat. - we all had some soup for Sunday breakfast - and Sarah had raw oysters Sunday to supper. - We had company to supper Sat. & Sunday; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Prichard, Sat = the first time she had been out with her baby now five weeks old Sunday. Owen D. Griffith called and took tea with us. - We baked the goose Sat for dinner Sarah said it was nice and seemed to relish it. This noon we had some of it cold and Sarah called for some of the bones to pick. After dinner she told

Anna that she did not believe the goose had ever enjoyed a dinner so much as she had picking his bones.

We are having a very mild winter so far. There is scarcely a bit of snow to be seen any where. We shall have to cook our turkey pretty soon if the weather does not grow colder. We made a few sausages the last of the week had some of them to dinner Sunday all said they were good.

I am inclosing a letter we have just had from Hattie, that you may read it and answer her questions about articles. Please return the letter because it is Sarah's. Did you read that last article in the last Gen. signed by Jane? What do you think of it? What do you suppose she means by asking to have all the "old debt" sent to her? Can you advise us what we had better have on the next Gen. cover. There should be something about the debt before 1833 and we would like

Turin, March 27, 1882.

Dear Sister,

We are glad to get even a few words from you, but hope it will not be long before you can find time to write more fully. We are sorry that you are feeling so unsettled and we sympathize with you in your feeling of loneliness. Wish John Eddie might have gone to be with you but we did not feel like urging it much, against his judgement. He thought it would be wasting time for him to be going over the same ground as when he was there last; and we hope we have done right. We had a letter from him Saturday night. He had a comfortable, pleasant journey and reached Mexico about 3 p.m. Thursday and got nicely settled before night. He went through Syracuse as he did not

start early enough from Utica to reach Rome in season to get the Northern train for Mexico. He will perhaps write to you so I will not forestall.

Thursday P.M. — I send this that you may see that I did try to write to you before, tho' there is not much in it. As it nears the last of the month we are wishing to know whether you have decided to move — I wish I might be with you to help for it will be hard for you alone. How will it be if Mrs. VanBuren leaves and you stay. Must you be responsible for the rent of the whole flat? How is your health now? We shall be very glad to hear particularly — cards are good but they cannot quite take the place of letters. We have had two good full letters from John Eddie. He takes no studies now except Greek and Latin and writing. The classes are in advance of him but he hopes by application to keep up. They begin Virgil and Anabasis. His letter was written Monday, so he had not had much chance to tell. He attended Methodist church Sunday

morning with his roommates and in the evening went with Johnny to the Presbyterian church. The weather has been very variable this week - Sunday snowy, a soft wet snow which turned to rain. Anna, Mate and I did not go out - E. and I went in the morning and the boys. They and their father went to Sunday School but I only went to the preaching service. Coming home Mrs. Hughes gave me the shelter of her umbrella as it was raining. - Monday it rained hard all day - a warm rain from the south. The wind changed at night - and Tuesday was exceeding cold with a sharp north wind. Anna and I went in the afternoon to the funeral of Mrs. dyman's sister. Her body was brought from Forestville to be buried in the cemetery here by her husband's. Services were at Mrs. L's. - Yesterday was much warmer. We washed, and in the afternoon I went with Mrs. White to the Methodist church to the funeral of Mr. Hart's brother. - Anna and Mate went for a walk before tea - and just before

going to bed I went up to the store for a walk. It was mild and pleasant - but during the night - there was quite a rain fall. Today there has been a strong cold wind with occasional flurries of fine snow. I went for a walk to the cemetery and back. The sidewalks are clear and dry, but the roads muddy.

I have just thought since beginning to write whether it would be much help for you if you move for me to go down a little while to help you. Anna would not miss me so much while she is here. My health is good and everybody remarks upon my looking so well. I was weighed last night - 121 lbs. — It is time for mail and I must - I see, but - I must say we are having a great treat this maple sugar season - have had some and made jack wap and warm sugar several times. Adieu with love from all. Jennie Everett.

Anna has ended
both with him
all the time. She
finds it true love
good deal to like
still it is better
than staying home
all the time. She
enjoys going & she
does get tired. She
had not decided
not to go to Wisconsin
Make world want
Letter home
same day or the
next. A. fears
I am not to be too
Hand to [illegible]
Has not
Please write
soon. Much love
to all
Mrs. Hunt, Wilkinson - Mrs. Hunt & Eric
friends -

been followed by another fuller one
according to promise. We fear you
are not feeling well - wish very
much we could have you with
us. - We have had quite a fright -
and all because we were too con=
fiding and trustful in a stranger.
Last Tuesday just as we were getting
ready to sit down to tea a gentleman
called and said his name was
Everett and he thought perhaps he
might find relatives here. We
told him we thought he was
mistaken. He said his father
came from North Wales and
settled in Pennsylvania - Quick
as he said Penna. I thought of

address - cousin Roberts, John's &
I don't know but - some other of
our relatives - He said his aged mother
was very anxious to know something
of his father's relatives. His father had
been dead many years. - We can
see now that we were very green!
We are a little nervous nights
and it does not seem pleasant
to think of staying here so much
alone. We do not know of any
one who wants to rent - and we
do not fancy living here with
another family. Would you care
about trying to keep this place in
the family? If you could be
home awhile it seems that we
could look over things and dispose
of what we would not want to take
to make a home elsewhere. We
had a letter from John Eddie
about the time we got yours. He
asked how soon he had better come

cousin Roberts family and askee
whether he was cousin Thomas' son
He said his father's name was Thomas
- then I remembered I should have
said cousin Robert - He replied that
his brother's name was Robert - Well
Anna came and talked with him
and I invited him to suffer with
us, and afterwards, as it grew
late we invited to stay all night.
We had no where to put him but
in ma's bed room - I remembered
that my purse with $13. was in the
drawer and I put it in my pocket
and took it up stairs thinking of
the petition "Lead us not into temptation."
I thought Anna's was up stairs
but I did not ask her. We did not
get up very early the next morning
and he did not come from the
room till we were just ready for
breakfast at eight. He said he was
going to Weston to find his mother's

relatives. He had been to the Adirondacs for his health &c &c. After he left - as Mate was going with Robbie to the village - Anna went to her purse to get some money to send for something - He had taken all but a few cents change - also some from the drawer of the missionary collection we do not know exactly how much - It was the Feb. ct. and we had never opened it; He left - 38 cts - probably took 50 or 75. We do not know whether he took anything else. The box with papers was in that large trunk in the recess - we think he did not look there - But my fur gloves which I kept in the lower drawer were found under the wash stand -

The week before there were some burglaries committed in the village. We did not know what to do and so did nothing about following him. - Anna gave him and Hughie

(There was $3. and a little change there should have been)

What do you suppose it would cost.
Our garden has been doing very well - our potatoes hold out well and are excellent - The boys hoed them before their father started - and they have hoed more or less in the garden since. The celery looks nicely - they have hoed that twice with Anna's help -

Thomas Evans was hurt badly the other day. The horse ran away with and threw him out - breaking some of his ribs and cutting his head - We drove into Fremantle yard to enquire - Lydia was with her father - I could not tell - I suppose they did not know just what his injuries are.

We are well - are going to the village this morning and so must hasten to close -

Lyn. 11 a.m. Nov 2. 1882

Dear Sister

A. rested well last night and thinks she feels stronger today than she has at all since that Wednesday. We got your letter yesterday and were very glad. Jane was here last evening also R. & L. This is a mild and very pleasant day. Mr. & Mrs T. wish to be remembered to you. Evan and family were here this p.m. They will not probably take this place as it is not so large as they want. A enjoyed the visit with them. She came to table both to dinner & tea. She is now in the sitting room Mr. & Mrs Wm Thomas are there. I am finishing this to send with them. We

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ONE CENT

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

M. H. Everett, M.D.
488 W 84th St
New York City
N.Y.

look for one pretty
often when I send so down
to N.Y. & wonder how
I'll like Lucia is now &
whether she has quite
forgotten us. When
heard or seen Mrs.
D. & Frances - my love
to her & also, Mrs. Wiss
We miss
sent off the birthday
sent us. Shall
Horne. Good
and one or two
sent Muddy Creek - I
hope will arrive
hope will get there
Lucia a letter
Friday or Saturday
am glad I sent it
write my first letter to you. I am
you have been so faithful in writing
while I was sick. We have been
home since Friday, as I believe
Jennie wrote you. Came just
on time, as it was an unusual
warm and lovely day - and it has
rained some every day since. Today
or this P.M. it is snowing quite
hard. Esther and little Frankie
are with us yet, and are a great
deal of company. One girl, Sadie
Parry, came today, a little girl
about 13 or so I should think. I
am gaining quite nicely I
think - if I do not have another
spell, think I shall get along.

I am still quite weak, and do not try to sit up very long at a time - feel quite miserably in the morning, and so play lazy then, and do not get dressed till 9 or 10 o'clock. My head still pains me a good deal of times, especially when I get tired, with throbbing and dizzy sometimes, I am in hopes that it will be better as I get stronger. Have been taking China & Acon - think it helps me. He me been feeling quite smart today, and walking about the house a good deal, but do not try to do any thing hardly yet. Yesterday I did not feel so strong.

Robbie began his school today so we will not be likely to send with him to the village quite so often as before. If he goes down tonight he has promised to let us know that we may send this with

him - It was quite a disappointment - for one not to be able to go down today, but the roads must be very muddy. We are very thankful that Anna is gaining. We try not to worry about what we shall do next year or even this winter. It is a great relief to have some help. It will make it so much easier for us to get ready to leave - if indeed we do get away from here this winter. Yesterday Ellen Davies and her husband were here also Mr. and Mrs. Prichard - they took dinner with us and made quite a little stay - the rain began just as we were ready to sit to the table and that kept them a little longer with us. Mrs. Jones, Robin, and Lizzie Davies also called on their way from church, and Mr. & Mrs. G. Griffith - So you see we are not neglected -

We had a splendid long letter

from John Eddie, Saturday. He enjoys himself there - tho' he says every time that if we say so he will come right-home. We think as we are not staying here this winter he had better remain with his father till we come back here. He is a member of the Literary Society and had just been elected President = an office which continues one months. His father's health is about as usual, his shoulder no better. Do you think it is rheumatism?

Robbie has a little mulatto boy working for him - a kind bright, active boy. He reads a little and I have promised to look up a book for him. I will give him a testament = and perhaps I can find something else that he can read. - I have not had time to look much. - Give much love to Mrs. Jones - I am glad she boards with David - tell Mary and Gracie they may

ought to be with
Edward some
time soon
My dear Mother - I believe
both R. - I called another
thing a cold snowy day
taken my courage
snowing and for
quarter of an hour
Yours of the 11th was
received by us this morning and
we thank you so much for your
faithfulness in writing - your letters
coming so often now cheer us and keep
us company! and the cards and
other pretty things are duly appreciated
- we enjoy them ourselves, and they
help us entertain our company!
The cat - that you sent - in the time
table is just - lovely - so is the head
you sent - in the letters - we had
no cat -! Wonder if the mice will
fear this one! -

We had quite a fall of snow
yesterday and the night - was raw
and cold. The cows have been in
all day today the first time this season

as it has been freezing all day and the snow covers the ground. Sadie Perry, a little girl of about 12 or 13, came yesterday P.M. just before the rain changed to snow. We hope she will be contented to stay while we need her help and company. Her parents live in Jim Powell's new house - and they have quite a large family mine in all - The baby was Sadie's especial charge and she misses her most. She never has lived out before - Jane Esther and Frankie helped us put up the coal stove in the sitting room this morning - as Esther said it would be so much better for Anna and we find it very comfortable indeed - it is the stove we had in the parlor last winter We also burn coal in the cook stove in the kitchen, so we keep the house warm - L. L. came for Esther & Frankie very soon after we had finished with the

stove and took them away before dinner. It seems more lonely without them. Frankie was so full of life — she kept skipping in to the bed-room to tell Anna what progress we were making and just what we were doing. This made the time not seem nearly so long, tho' poor child it was 11 o'clock before she was dressed and at dinner time she said it seemed as tho' she could not get warm anywhere — but when I opened the oven doors, she changed her tune! It is nicely warm now even in the bed-room. A. has been writing three pages of a letter to Nate this evening and gives me one page to fill! She is resting now on the sofa. Mary Ann brought little Lewis over this afternoon to visit us. and after awhile Libbie came too and we had a pleasant time with them. Mary Ann and Frie have gone to the village tonight — so we hope they will find something for us in the post office — I was sorry not to have had this letter ready to send. Anna

Keeps on with the acon and china - She takes them in water - She has not taken any of Dr. Wiggins pills since coming home - her bowels troubled her and so she stopped and as you say the acon and china act on the liver, I think she trusts to them. It is a week today since she had the last attack of nose bleed - We hope she will have no more. Her head troubles her a good deal all the time and she does not gain her strength very fast. She lies down most of the time - We hope the cold weather has not come to stay and that she will get strong enough to make you the proposed visit. - We are very glad to know you have heard from Edward as it is our first news from him since he reached Iowa City - two weeks or a little more ago. I must write to La Crosse - hoping to send to Reuben tomorrow.

We had a pleasant time in Glyn but not just as you imagine. Anna was very feeble and Mrs. P. quite timid about my leaving her lest she might have an attack while I was gone - So I did not have much running around - Yet they were all very, very kind to us and we hardly know how to repay them. They would not make any bill! Neither would Jane Esther - She was here from Friday to Tuesday and Frankie too! Perhaps you can help us think of something -

You ought to see baby's likeness. He is laughing and it is just splendid - Lowell's and Charlie's are good too, but not quite so good. Write to Mate that she may not forget you while she has some left!

Ellen Davies came on just as we were going to sit to dinner. She had just eaten at Robbie's so would not partake with us. It is sunny today and thaws a little now at noon. You say nothing about having us make you a visit this fall. Would it be a great disappointment if we do not go this fall? A. is not strong enough for us to make any great plans of going and she feels that we

our letter by him and get some oil. I am quite well and we try to keep cheery. We feel that we ought to get away from here as soon as possible.

My dear Sister,

It has been about four days since we have had any mail, or sent any letters off. – it seems a long time I assure you, but we live in hopes that there will be a rich feast for us when there is a chance to get it from the Post office. It has been storming very hard since yesterday morning, and I suppose we are now quite effectually "stormed in." We do not worry, however, as we have good fires, (three of them part of the time) and keep very comfortable. Robbie will be out of school tomorrow, so I thought I would write, hoping that something will call him to the village, and we can send this by him.

We are quite comfortable so have large fires – I wish you could see them. Excuse pencil

We were reading over some of your letters last evening, received when Jennie was in Turin, and some of them she had not taken time to read before, or perhaps I had not given them to her. I am sorry you are so anxious about me, and fear that you think me worse off than I really am. I do not think I feel as strong as usual this very stormy weather, but on the whole think I am gaining strength about as fast as we could expect. My appetite is quite good, and I usually sleep pretty well. I think we will arrange to go from home as soon as possible now, but cannot tell yet when that will be. We have not seen Mr. P. since Thanksgiving day, and as he then spoke of coming here to stay this winter, we want to see or hear from them before we go. I suppose the stormy weather has kept them

away. Edward has a good many accounts that we ought to look over, and I don't know but we ought to go to Turin right away and have those settled, as it would seem better to attend to them soon. — One advantage of this would be that we need not hurry, but could take them slowly and so not get over tired. This would change our plan about visiting you soon, but how would it do for us to come to N. Y. toward spring when the roads will be breaking up in this part of the country? If we should go there now, we would not feel as if we could stay as long as perhaps we might after the accounts have been settled. E. went home last Monday eve. He came on the Saturday evening train, which was run off the track soon after leaving Utica, making it

four hours later than usual on reaching Rensen, - E. staid at J. D. Griffith's that night as David came on the same train - and it was very stormy came up here Sunday morning, quite unexpected to us. We had a very nice visit with him Sunday - Monday he wrote letters, and had some other writing to do - so we could not visit so much. We are very glad he is at home before this heavy storm I wonder if this storm reaches you - it is something very unusual for us at this time of the year, as you know our storms generally come in Feb. and March.

- I cannot think fast enough to write what I want - Robbie has just come to say he is going to the village - so we will send

Dec 26, 45 -

My dear Dick -

I brought a Magi and paper that I might send you the check - I send both of them in this - The one for you to use for Christmas for yourself and Ingrid - as you like - We were down at Jones's last evening to a fine supper and today we have been for a drive this morning. Mama is much better since the weather is so mild - tho she finds it tires about all her strength to come two days in succession! It is so pleasant - and we had promised that we would come if we could. Mama walked over to Prot. to Sunday hop

last – and as they chanced to come
all from far and near we stayed to
tea – that was the only real dinner
we had had since Christmas Many days
have before Thanksgiving – I dear I
have been too indifferent about getting
about – it does her so much good.
There was no one down to spend last
evening but Ralph & Ora and us – a
family gathering – very pleasant and
quiet – R. came over with the flu
and he & Irene and we took with
them – Oren had sent them all
some presents and Jane had been
to Miller Lake and brought some so
that we had lots of fruit. Hope to
see – Ralph's family has all been over
to Libbie's Mother's in the day time
and he brought us your cards from
the ones and Jane gave us each
one more – so we had them
presents – I wonder you could have
been Home with us – The children

was nice - then Gertie so tender and
loved-like. Anna wanted quite well last
night - especially the third [illegible] - she does
not [illegible] as well towards evening.
There is to be a confirming with us today
here. An infant - a daughter of Mr. Swartz's
here little girl - they have not come yet.
As we were coming Dave met the [illegible]
on the street - a letter from Edward
and one from John Eddie - I'll send
[illegible] letter - I told him about the
[illegible] that he might not be
[illegible] so alone, especially as E.
writes that Anna was worse - but
thinking it over he concluded to [illegible]
as there would not be much more of
him left and the [illegible]
Mrs. P to come and we go to Eddie's
[illegible] write to him - I am afraid
it away a little down when I wrote
and he, poor boy, must have [illegible]
[illegible] time. We are getting

[illegible] mail - Jane to [illegible] very
with no [illegible] long [illegible] and
she has promised to come one day
this - David Griffith comes tomorrow
- we think we will be pretty
well through so that Mrs. T. folks will
find it comfortable to come in - they
are going to put the cook stove in
place of ours and we will
have our comfort between us to make [illegible]
for them. - Thomas Edwards [illegible] Hall,
thanks to the Lord - We [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Up [illegible] Sarah is anything by [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Friday. Dec. 30/82

Your cheery two letters were received last evening we had not heard in some time, so were very glad to get them. We expect Mr. P. here Monday - we will probably stay a few days after, to get rested, but not long. Will write again soon - Much love -

Mr. P. has asthma today and could not come - so our coal stove will remain probably till Monday. Dr. Griffith will come and help us that day - was here today & one day before

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U.S. POSTAGE ONE CENT

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M. H. Ewer M. D.
483 W 84th St
New York

E 12-30 7A

much like one going just now. It has been cold all the week and they did not publish meeting tonight — on that account. Anna does not get over her cold very fast. She has not ventured to go to any of the meetings this week and I have been but once. We are quite comfortable here at home — Mr. & Mrs. T. are going to the village this a. m. to spend the day I think — he went to Glyn yesterday — Did I tell you Maggie talks of making Owen a visit and calling on you by the way. Have you seen Jennie Goombly lately — give my love to her when you do. Wonder what is to be done about — about the Class letter! I think I must join the Alumni Association — How is your health & business? So Mrs.

POSTAL CARD

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SPACE.

M. H. Everett M.D.
433 W 34th St.
New York

Write often as you can
as Mrs. B. is so fond of it
Dear Sister
Mail day is Thursday
& we received yours with the tintype
You do not look very well
- wish you might have a little rest - and taste of the country. Mr & Mrs. P. are going to Prospect - to day & we send this with them
It - is mild and pleasant - we can have our windows open for a little time quite often.
Anna does not get over her cold - has rather added to it. She was poorly during the other storm and now this one is over we hope she will be better - She stayed alone while we went to church Sunday - It was exceedingly stormy and very few were there - Mr. Hughes preached however - We do not know when we shall go to Ewing - we are comfortable here - sit in the room with Mr & Mrs. P. often for a change and we make fire in the back kitchen once in a while - We have had no mail since Friday a week -

11, '85

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

M. H. Ewer M.D
433 W 84th St.
New York

wonder whether
had not better
that Wm back
to Thos. Morgan's to be
mended. He could
probably do it Monday
the steel might
be sent - or Col. Tilden
other time. It also
seems that he ought to
some funds - I have not
called upon Dr. He in-
vited us to go home
with him Tues. evening &
stay over night - and then
he could look around in

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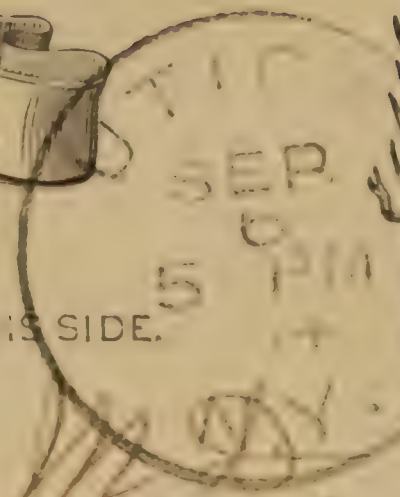

M. H. Everett M. D.

Oneida Co.

N. Y.

Edward's postal and know that we
have Wednesday last safely and comfortably
& have been trying to write you a
letter but have been rather tried
and indolent. I had a hard cold
several days before starting with lame
shoulders and I suppose that made
me feel less energetic. It was well
that we came Tuesday as it has
not been a pleasant since. Yesterday
day and today have been blustering
days. Edward is home this p.m.
attending to our business with Anna
Wednesday evening he and Mate
went with George to the golden
wedding of a cousin - Mr. Emory
Allen who lives near Constableville.

the boy. Anna likes cherries and peaches and says we will leave it to you to decide if there is anything else nice - send half a dozen ~~or a dozen~~ cans in all - Anna would also like some kind of sweet crackers - She does not care so much for the fruit-crackers - ~~perhaps~~. She has not had any bananas this winter - I do not know how they are now but if nice and not too high - please send a few - also 1/2 a dozen or so lemons - Robert has very few playthings - maybe you can find him a rubber ball or something - the one he has is broken in two - he has no rattles.

We are sending in this a P.O. for $30. which will pay for my dress and leave a margin for the boys. Please send us a bill of the things bought - so that we may have an idea how much to draw on you. What will be nice to trim

– and what kind of buttons?
my dress? I suppose we will
not need to wait ~~before~~ to send
in before having the boy send
they can be sent again when
we know how the dress is to be
made &c – I bought that cloth
for a walking jacket and before
to get it made – have you
any suggestions about it? I wish
you had taken something from
home to make one for you –
What are you wearing? Have
you had your dress made? O,
I almost forgot your question about
bonnets We have nothing new, Anna
has a hood which she made last win.
What is worse – very far back, I make
Say Mrs. Crawford has a pretty hood, ~~of~~ black worsted which she bought for herself – Would you get her to make one
for me? – She charges $2. and fur-
nishes the material Remember us
with love to Mr. Butler – We are very
glad he is able to see you so often.

It had been a stormy day - but windy in the evening but stuffy cold. They had a very enjoyable time - however - and reached home soon after. The baby was pretty good - he waked at 11 and did not sleep very soundly after that - We got along very well - To morrow Mate and we have been invited to a quilting at Mrs. Foos - about two miles out - I do not know whether we will go - perhaps Mate will.

We are very comfortable here - have a stove in our room and have kept fire there most all the time - We are made very welcome and enjoy being here - We have been too much alone - hitherto. - Anna said to me yesterday "I really believe I am going to gain, My appetite is so much better."

We shall be hoping to have that boy from you now before long. We did not bring any canned fruit from home thinking you could get some and send in

hurt him. Robert is about the nicest baby we ever saw. Wish you might see him. We are getting Grace is sick but Mother says she is getting over it. Love to Mary and Maggie and Mamma and Richard to Grace & Mother & Father & Mrs. Mayo & Helen and Mrs. Hall & Mrs. Hall & Mrs. Hall &

felt equal to writing much before.

We shall be glad to have the box but we do not wish to hurry you. We brought with us [illegible] parts of the lamp which we had at home. We shall know how to appreciate it when we have it to use again. Does Jennie do nicely yet? Have you had your dress made? and how? I think Anna will tell you that we would like to have you get 1¼ yds of mourning fringe to trim the skirt of mine. I wish we had brought more pieces of crepe with us, but we will not need much and can get that here - but I am afraid we cannot get any suitable buttons - we got what they call belle buttons for my mourning dress which I have just had made over. They are round and like the heads of black pins (not shiny) I could get more buttons like these, but I would rather not have them alike on both dresses

Do you think you could get some for me — I shall need ~~20 yds~~ (2 dys.) 24 for the dress. You said something once about there being material enough for a suit — does that include a vest — jacket & skirt? My 20 $ will need many buttons, & silk! The buttons and fringe might come by mail if more convenient.

We have not been out much yet — Anna has been up to the store twice and I to church twice — that is all. It is a long walk to church and A. has not felt strong enough to go. We mean to have some rides when the roads are better — we had quite a thaw Saturday, which made the roads very soft — and now they are pretty rough and full of holes. E. went today with some other men to a caucus at Hornellsville. Town meeting is to be tomorrow. There is also a meeting of the ladies of the church to arrange for a donation for the pastor. — I suppose Maggie

has told you that a good donation Mr. Hughes had. Did he call on you? We understand that he went to New York when M. did - and that Miss Gillins was returning, to Wales. - We have just had a letter from Mr. Pritchard (N.Y.) in which he mentions the death of Mrs. John W. Roberts. She is to be buried tomorrow. She has had a long sickness - it must have been a happy relief for her to be called up higher. May we also be ready!

E. had a good letter from brother B. last week - They are enjoying something of a revival. Let us pray that the good work may spread till it fills the whole land. - Charlie has just been in to give us his "good night kiss" and that reminded me that he wrote a letter to you when I was writing before. He does not know what became of it. Can you not answer it - just the same as tho it was sent? By the by, he did not get a valentine. Are there any left in New York stores? Carroll got one but another would not -

Benson, June 22, '83

Dear Sister

While I wait for Anna to come to breakfast I will write a little to you. This is a lovely bright day after a week almost showers. It is nice growing weather country is just beautiful. I am feeling better since coming home tho' my arm pains me a little most all the time. The medicine came all right. Thank you for it. I see that you had to buy it. Let me know what it cost. Anna has come down and is ready for breakfast. I will write a little, while Jennie is finishing her coffee. We have enjoyed our visit with Uncle Richard and

her mother very much. They were disappointed in not seeing you, as Mrs. M. is quite feeble and would like to have consulted you - she has doctored some with Dr. Sue White of Utica - do you know her? She is a homeopath. We are very glad you are feeling better, - but do not try to stay too long; we shall expect you here a part of the summer. People tell me I look a great deal better than I did last summer - and think I must have found a good place. I am feeling better, but - keep tired all the time, and do my back pains ache a great deal. Have been busy with my dolmans - have it most finished - think it

is going to be very pretty. The lettuce plants you sent all died most as soon as they were planted, though I shaded and watered them but they were too tender - you had not better send any more, as ours are coming, and we have some we got from Mrs. Edwards. Tell Mrs. T. the fuschia she gave me is doing. I took some of the morning [illegible] I took from her garden, and one little ivy plant. Our friends here Mrs. & Mr. T. are very kind and we enjoy being with them. They make it seem as much like home to us as it is possible. All the friends inquire for you, and will be glad to see you when you come. Have you seen the package of cards which I sent up and addressed to Carroll & Charlie - am afraid

they were packed with some
books and John's clothes which
have not been looked over - but
you need not trouble to look them
over - I can share with Theo, and
give them some of these. Have
you heard from Irvin lately?
writes that Charlie has not
getting along nicely. How long on
in writing the above is no measure of the ti
I was "finishing" my off - ! She let me wash
the dishes &c. and then she found George had
gone and the chance for sending, this
by [illegible] lost - Mr & Mrs P. are
with their visitors
going this afternoon to see Mrs. Thos. P. Jones.
George went to Glyn to take John Jones
there together with some thing to
him, the has just got back
with the horse for them to use this
P. M. The Michaels mean to start to-

Rome, Oct. 24, 1884.

Dear Sister, — Your good letter came yesterday, together with one from brother E., in which he said that he had just finished writing to you — the days grow cheery than sometimes, and they seem to be well provided for winter. Your letters do us a real deal of good — we are so glad you are happy and doing well. You must be careful not to overdo, and get sick — do not take too much. I would just like to be there to go up the Tom to some of your classes. Does the female pupil you speak of pay you $50. or $60 for the 3 months' tuition? We could hardly make this out, but judge by your saying in the

Jane's connection, that you
are happy, that it must be
the farmer. It is nice that
you can meet - your whole
family, and the Parkers
boarding place. It
flurry of snow yesterday
the ground is white
and it is quite cold
Anna has just gone
it is meal time for George to
start to the village so I shall
have but a little time to
talk - We think we had
better have 100 of the
Arrivings and not any
of the Adyges just now -

We had 5000 of the Catechism printed not very long ago and there are a good many of them on hand — Perhaps you had better get us an estimate of what 2000 Printing would be — We understand they are to be folded Covers and trimmed — Is that so?

This is a bright day — We have been busy canning pickling &c pears, crab apples, and are now making jelly

Write us — Soon, Yours

J. D. L.

Catechisms to 6:1-
made ready
Hannah comes home
weekly
Dec 28

Kilmarnock, Oct. 28. '84

Dear Dr Lyster

When we wrote last we mentioned the Catechisms and I think said we would like 2000 printed. You also thought best after having an estimate of cost; but we neglected to say anything about having a larger margin. It would look much better and not be nearly so difficult to trim without coming too near the long lines of which there are a few in the book. Do you not think so? Hope we are not giving you too much trouble. The type of the Catechism can be left where it is till we decide what to do with it. I have not seen Mr. Davies again the roads are muddy and I do not go to the village often—

We have had snow and sand are having rain! We are pretty well - John Edahl does not write often, we have had only one letter since he was home last. We hope we may see him next week.

Much love - How would you like to get us some things and send a box as freight? I have been thinking it would be nice - most like seeing you - We sold three of the cows and have to raise the price $1% apiece - We are hoping to get others in their place - they will cost more perhaps 20. or 25.- each -

I have spoken to Eunice about making sheets and comfortable, - is that right. Shall we have her make them - We need some for us. Think we will give him some - If the boat we have and keep the new

Mr. P. about the farm
to Eddie and he [illegible] will find it
take all our earnings to pay necessary
wages should we undertake it ourselves,
if Mr. P. will do what he ought, he thinks
we cannot do better than to let him
have it another year. I will speak
find out what he says,

a small beginning) next year I hope
See how we succeed. She has
not been so well the last few weeks - the
weather we know where to get some coal
you praise so much - Sat evening
A. took some cold somewhere and
felt a pain in her right lung and
to the shoulder - front. She took aconite
and got nicely warm before going to
bed. It had been quite warm through
the day and we let the fire down
somewhat in the bedroom. She felt
almost too warm - I went to the
funeral in the morning, (Wm.
Griffith, Llanllawen) It was at 1½
a.m. I made a little call on Mrs.
Squire Lewis - who has been very sick
with pneumonia - She is able to
sit up now most of the day and

[illegible] Esquire as he had gone to the [illegible]
funeral. He has been poorly for some
time since their marriage - but is pretty well now.
We have heard nothing more of that
sickness in Forrestfield, so suppose it
has passed away - Mr. John Hughes (cousin
to R. Richard) died of pneumonia in Bethel about
a week since - Who do you suppose
and taking care of Mrs. Lewis? Mary Ann,
Libbie's sister - $1 was a great surprise
to me and a very cheerful one too - it
seemed most like seeing Robbie's folks.
They are all quite well and she said
if $ would only write to Robbie he would
come and take us there for a visit any
time - If A. were only a bit strong -
coal-mark
she has gone to the village - mail to John
Pugh's - 5 cts every morning with the
horse and returns at noon - then goes
back after dinner and returns
this evening - We could go with him

every day. But A. has felt like attending the services only once - I went Friday and Sat. mornings - George and I only went from home to church yesterday - It was stormy and only a few came - Rev. J. R. S. Hoy preached and we had communion - He came to D. Price's Saturday evening and David brought him over here a little while before meeting - He had not preached in our church he said for a long time - since Easter, the Lord-time was at our dear Cynthia's funeral. His text was "I have fought the good fight" - a very good sermon I thought - tho' I could not understand much. A. does not get over that pain - It was some easier yesterday but more this a.m. It grew very cold during the night with a strong northwest wind. The thermometer (in a shelter place by the back door) went down to 15° I got up about 5 and made fires - our bedroom fire was not out - but A. was cold and I warmed flat irons and the stone and a blanket and soon she got warm. I gave her breakfast in bed and she had a nap afterwards - it is now 7 -

Tacoma, Feb. 5, 1885.

Dear Sister,

The box came last night and such a box! You ought to have seen Anna's face - when we were going to bed and while we unpacked the box and came to one treasure after another! $1 - fairly shone! Thank you so much - it must of cost quite a sum and we might pay some of the expense - What was the expressage? There are things in it that we never saw before - they will last us a long time and bring us pleasure all the while! We are going to have some of the White oats for breakfast - and some of those sweet crackers. Anna is final-dressing - 7-45 a.m. I have been up since 6-15. and have breakfast-

all ready and good fires. We have had no oranges or lemons this winter; so far I had forgotten to look for any till Calely and there I saw looked so small and shabby that I was not tempted to try them. They are very nice - and will be very acceptable - We have had 1 pt: of oysters which we finished yesterday - they were good - We have had some very nice comb honey at 17 cts. a lb. - have had four 2lb boxes I think - I mean to open the bundle you sent this morning - I want to try it - We have not opened our last box - we have been thinking it would not keep so well after opening and we keep thinking maybe we'll eat it away! — After breakfast the oat-pudding was very nice. Anna enjoyed it - and made her breakfast off that and the sweet-crackers - I ate some bread and butter too. - Do you have home made bread? I wish we could send you a box - if you have a fancy for any country treat

just mention it = maybe we can send it. I made a nice lot of apple jelly yesterday - Anna laughs at me and wonders what we will do with it all - I have a pleasure sometimes in taking some to the sick. We took a tumbler to Laura Tuesday - and I took one to Geo. Pugh when he was sick &c. I made over our black currant jelly as it was very sour and stiff - I put some apple juice with it - and it is just nice as it can be now - Our beef is very good We have a piece now baked - we like it cold cut thin - It lasts us quite a while - now and then we have steak for a change - We found the bottle of Poison - A. says it will last quite a while but it you have sent more it will

be acceptable -

Anna found my bank book last Monday evening - She was straightening out that little drawer of waste white papers & old envelopes - We have had that from Rev. Timothy Jones, —

George is starting S. Lord by auto tour - Mr & Mrs Pare pretty small -

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J -

afternoon - He would like to stay here another year and will look for a cows - We spoke to him about the hens and a little around the house. We said we thought it would be more business like to have the agreement in writing and he thinks the same - said it would have been better if we had done so in the first place - We did not say anything about the orchard as A. thinks we will not need it till after haying if we do them - How would it do for you to draw up a paper for us - stating what privileges we wish - do not forget to state that they will let us have milk for 3 cts a qt - or if you prefer - Before that we make some arrangement and keep

We could fat her for beef if we wished - & he and Rosa but - it - would give us too much care - would it ? About the horse Mr. T. says we can have him to draw the wood and to go a little now and then when they do not need to use him -

We are having another storm but it is not cold as it was last week - it seems to be thawing some and also snowing - George started this morning with the horse to the village. Went through the lane and then had to turn back - put the horse in the stable and went afoot. They do not expect him home tonight - & do not know what chance there will be to get

[illegible] in the morning - I had two pleasant
snow shoe walks last week - Thursday
I went to call on the widow H. [illegible]
and they sent A. a little roll of fresh
butter - a lb. or so. They also sent her
some milk - I had a ride home
I rode with their hired man down
to the village - and from there to
David Price's corner with H. Griffith's
hired man - called to see Mrs. Price
and then came from there on my
snow shoes cross home - Mrs. P. is begin-
ning to walk - walked across the room
by pushing a chair before her. As I was
going to the village I kept pretty far
south and came to the brow of such
a steep hill that I had to take off my
long shoes and walk down carrying them
in my arms - fortunately there was a
little crust - in some places. Friday

I walked over to John E. Jones, Cabin, Found Jennie quite poorly with a sore throat and they thought gathering in her head. It was very hard for her to hear and there was very severe pain in her head — She has not got over the effect of sleeping in a damp bed early in the winter. I had a nice visit there and Mrs. J. gave me a quart can of new milk to carry home for supper — She also promised us some fresh butter after she begins to churn — They have had four calves but had not churned. I told her of all the G. girls gave her — and she said she would send hers by and by — Annie stayed home all alone yesterday a.m. all the rest went to church. Rev Wm D Williams preached — It was very pleasant and mild. Richard Davies and Ellen came home with me and remained till after our early tea. There was no service in our church — the ministers are here mornings and in the village afternoons and evenings — The union prayer meetings continue since the week of prayer — a good

Letters she got for me and make the — her own — She will continue not too tired to — a good time — a Hammie will — Anna is too — Aunt — wrote. Jell cousin — I did and — meant — sayings — Jell Major — to — speak — We had an — at the — Reached — Jell Major — to — speak — We had an — at the — Reached — Jell Major — to — speak — We had an — at the — Reached

and
is often -
to greet Hattie
left - me
looked
vain
for me
last look
when all
unbidden
by
saw her
standing
on the
side
walk
me a
cheery
nod
and
smile
as
I left
the
train
Claire is so much more pleased with her bible even than with the doll. She never had a bible of her own before. Her mother promised her one if she would read it through first and she has done so - but Siggie had not got it got - so this is very acceptable - Claire goes to Sunday school every Sabbath and will be very happy to take her own Bible when she goes - The dollies she will dress and she seems to like the thought of doing it - She is quite a large girl, and very bright - and pleasant I should judge - Little Anna is sweet - as she can be with a round full face - They do not either of them seem shy of me. When I got off the train Hattie waited and looked - I thought - they

Anna was not coming - and so
so said nothing about her till
Hattie said, where is aunt Anna
So they all looked here even t
the little girl, -

Brother Brother is looking well
very little changed. I think his
heat is making him look younger
and Lizzie and Hattie look very
well - better than I expected to
see them. - Lizzie does not wear
her hair in curls - except the little
short curls over her forhead and
Hattie wears hers much the same
This changes Lizzie's look a good
deal - The little girls do not have
their front hair short - but wear
them tied in two braids - Clara
has already begun dressing her
doll and Anna is playing with
hers on Hattie's lap - Holden is
sitting by Hattie reading - He is

not very tall - not far from Mr. Bross' size - His hair and eyes are light - and he wears a beard all 'round but no mustach - Now don't you almost think you have seen them all! The house is very pleasant looking over toward the college - There are seven windows in front below - and I believe as many above - there is more snow here than I expected - it has been three feet deep but it has gone off a good deal - the ground is bare close by the college where it is a little raised but generally it is well covered. - They all wish to send much love to you all, so do I - I shall be looking for a letter soon - wonder when you get the cards - I was sorry not to send the first one sooner but was too sleepy. I sent cards also to Mary & J. E. Please mention when you get the reply from Boston - Anna will please open all

Hello, Kate

[illegible] but I want more [illegible] I am very glad you have got [illegible] I think I had better send it [illegible] before getting anything [illegible] that kind for myself. My journey came [illegible] that and I am very well satisfied [illegible] think I look as well with the [illegible] on (I) [illegible] and it is very comfortable. [illegible] it almost [illegible] puts it on one [illegible] understand how much she was reading it. If [illegible] will be just as much [illegible] to [illegible] I have long wished you might [illegible] and am very glad you are able to do it. Last [illegible] I am sorry that Mrs. Jardine is [illegible] herself with that sewing. It is a hard way

the head and will try to [illegible]
me in this. I have just written to [illegible]
and sent me to her. This morning, Elsie and
I went for a little run on the road back of
the house and towards the cemetery. The sled
2° above. I dreamed last night of trying to keep
warm. I have a little head cold and believe
I have taken a little cold, I should like to
have come through New York and would fix it
return that way if I could without much
more expense. But I think my best
way to New York would be through Utica. I
see I might as well not think of visiting you
now. and Fannie could not get a ticket
to check through at all, as I am told that we
that I would have to stop night
will take over the [illegible] take [illegible] if
I can so arrange it. The extra charge
for the drawing room car to Syracuse would be
5 dls. and for the sleeper from there to
Utica $2.50 - Fannie got my ticket and ticket
for $8.50 but I do not suppose I can get

it - so cheap from the end of the route - it will cost - and more
- than a night in some hotel there & I may
go a short way with them - I wish we had friends
but I might visit - the way. Of course
permit the yes were only - Charles at work - but
she is spending the winter with her father
at home - & suppose you know one in Mary
A. Roberts is in Africa. I do not know whether she
would visit us and Edward if we were a. . . .
She is not well at times writes and might not
venture such a visit now - & think & have felt
the cold more since coming here than in
all the winter - & sleep up stairs in the north
east room with Elaine - there is no fire in
she is a warm sleeper - She and little
Anna are dear little ones - Anna is especially
full of fun and says many quaint things which
make the others laugh - She has (not) one
eye my side with her grand father's glasses on -
I wonder if you could not find some little
books or pictures to send - I did not have
time to get much before I started two little dolls
which I left them were from their aunt
Anna - If you could send something -

Dear Sister & Brother
The letter written on this
sister E's birthday ... Monday and
a week today from ... Yes. With love
Monday others have Edward and ...
came — so I had quite a feast and gladly
shared it with the rest. They say it
is as good as if they got the letters themselves
when I get them! I guess there was one
from George P. giving a budget of home news
in that same mail. Wonder if they
chatted together in that mail bag as they
journeyed together from Utica! They
have had it colder and more stormy
than elsewhere at Remsen it seems. Hope it
will moderate before we reach home.
I suppose we shall not find the
roads much different from when
we left. Cases of measles continue
and are more severe than at
first. I mention one death — a
young lady who was recovering from
the measles but died suddenly of

heart disease no doubt – Mr. Williams (ex-ex/pressman) and David Jones (Dilwyn Thomas' husband) have bought the business of S. E. Johns' – The Richard family in our house are well – but G. says everything in the cellar had froze – We hope he is mistaken there – we did our best to protect what we left

I do not know what made you think I had had a cold – have had none to speak of all winter and not any since Xmas, however – Am sorry you have worried about me – before I started I got new flannels for Mother and me – two sets each of vests and drawers and so have needed nothing more – We made me a cloth quilt (from old coats) or a skirt with one thickness of wadding in the lower part – it is very pretty and very warm – We also made each of us a pair of flannel drawers – your pattern – to come under the tops of our shoes and I am wearing mine in the house much of the time

Since coming here – Wonder if you are as well protected!

The weather now is all that I could wish for the choicest spring day & I enjoyed to go down town with Hattie this morning, to Edwards & to stores and send them with Mr. B. when he went for the morning mail at 10 a.m. As the mail will not leave the office till 3 p.m. I hope this will accompany them. When I heard last from J.E. he had just decided to write an essay on the subject, given out for Prize Essays. His subject "Earthquakes." He did not think it possible for him to take the prize as he had not begun to read up some on the subject — others have been preparing for months! But J.E. thinks the effort will benefit him however. It makes him very busy and I hardly think he can write it, besides. He was well. I have written to [illegible] since coming) as while at Alice — but not a word from has come — How I should like to be with you at your Commencement — I keep thinking about you and your class. Did they succeed, in their examinations, What an enjoyable time we had at the last Commencement. I attended with [illegible] glad J.H.A. will be there [illegible]

this home - Mrs. F. T. with Lizzie & Carrie - Mr. B. write to F. this a.m.

I intend now if it is pleasant - to leave here for Utica next Tuesday morn. at 9 - 35 - Hardly think I shall stop in Cleveland as I do not know exactly where to find Dr. H. J. Jones and I believe his home is out in the city a mile or two - If I had been sure of Mr. McCollough address I should have been tempted to stop rather in Buffalo - it is too late now to write - I did write to Utica - and however preparing to make them a visit - only asking the distance from the Central Road - Have had no reply - Shall probably reach Utica April 1. Hope that is not an ill omen!

Yesterday I visited the college building the library and Museum - and attended chapel exercises - Enjoyed it all only it was rather chilly and blustering - Anna has made a pretty holder for her aunt - Anna and Elaine is making a pen wiper - When I came I brought them each a doll from A. They have dressed them and made them look quite jaunty - I will indicate a sample of the dress - Elaine made hers neatly - Lizzie Anna's - Anna is quite a great little sewer - she does not wear a thimble - but she has made several holders. The little books Lucretia came all right - and they wish me to thank you for them - The pig story is one Lizzie has been accustomed to tell Anna in prose and

Mar 1st 1885.

Dear Mary

We received your kind letter and were glad to hear from you. We were sorry that you were sick but thought as you were you could write us a letter. We were glad to hear that you were all well. We have had a fine time since we came here. We have been to Asheville and Hendersonville and Flat Rock. We came home yesterday and left Anna at Cousin Mary's. She expected to come the first of next week but will probably wait till we send her word as the roads now are very bad. The snow is very deep and soft so that they cannot take a horse from here to the church. We have been going through the hole straight to church and the road to the corner has been closed - and we cannot go either way now.

When I was in Hillsdale Anna
and Fannie sent for some
seeds & bulbs, and when we were
getting our things packed yester=
day morning, Fannie came
and asked me if I could spare
Anna to stay there a few days,
till they came so that they could
open them together. I was
very glad to have her do so as
I feared she would lose all she
had gained by coming, before
I could get things cozy here
after our absence. I made a
mistake about the time college
closed in Clinton and thought
I was going to have time to
come first and let her follow with him

Our trunk is still in Kansas
depot - Louise and Mary put in a nice
lot of slips which I feel uneasy about but
think perhaps there is no need - If it
had enough
only would freeze I could take the
horse early some morning and bring
the trunk home - David and Hannah
Price were down yesterday and I rode
with them as far as Laura's - and
walked from there - Cousin Mary had
given us a loaf of bread &c to wait till I
could bake - Today I made bread, graham
biscuits; and pies - also boiled a piece of
corned beef for tomorrow - We are very
comfortable here - There was very little
snow in Hillsdale - or anywhere else on my
way till I got to Kansas - Our sitting room
windows are found darkened by solid drifts.
We have one cleared now - and used the
snow to fill the reservoir &c - There is
but little water in the cistern - it was
dry when I got home - They report unusual
cold and strong winds most of the time

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The Snow in one place nearly reaches the eves of the shed last night - and this morning we had sleet rain and then snow fell in lumps going to the village after supper to take this, and look for the mail -

Mr. Hughes and family left yesterday on the noon train - we probably passed them in Trenton - I called to see Eunice - She was reclining in a rocking chair and looked quite bright - Caroline was with her - She is very much worn out - Laura has been sick - She was sick in bed at Eunice's for several days - and also after getting home - It seems too bad there is no one stronger and better able to take care of Eunice - The cousin who was staying with her went home and was taken with the measles so she can not return -

When shall we look for you? I do not know whether I wrote to you about my journey from Hillsdale - Emma is looking better and stronger - and seems to enjoy her stay

hours in the
week (and Sat-
urday had
only a day's
since we came
you, and we are beginning to feel
anxious to know when
going to be ready to come home.
We are anxious to know how
are and what you are doing. Spring
seems to be coming even to us.
last - the snow
ground bare, and the patches of
bare ground becoming larger. The
birds are singing around us, and
all nature seems waking up from
the long nap. Our greatest snow
drifts seem to be just around
our house, the north end of our
garden is pretty full yet, and
there are some high drifts
between the house and shed - still
the boards are cleared, so that we
have a good walk back and
forth. Some of the branches by
Mrs. P.'s window are coming to
sight, and are full of buds.

I do not invite you to come
away from the dear ones lonely, but
I do want to see you. I know
it is much pleasanter there now
than here, but think the scales
will turn pretty soon now. How
are you feeling this spring? I am
afraid you are not very well
or you would write oftener.
Has the rheumatism left you
much now? I am sorry to
say that we have not cleaned house
yet and I don't know how we
are going to do it; but guess it
will all come about in good
time. Jennie is ironing now. She
washed yesterday had a large
wash. She went to the village
last night for the mail, as there
is no one in town — for a few
days. She brought a postal from
Hannie, saying they have moved, but
not entirely settled, and will not
do very much just now, as their

from Turin [illegible] had the measles, and I hear it is the small C. Carroll did not have the rash but had all the other symptoms. Is that bad? We have not heard for several days — must write to them today. Mary does not seem to improve much of any. Jennie was down to Jane's the last of the week they had just heard, that she was no better, but no worse, as we understand. She is very weak, and has not much appetite I think. Sarah Thomas, Hugh Thomas' granddaughter is very sick in Utica — has the dropsy & heart disease. Jane Ann went down Saturday we were sorry to hear bad word that she was very low. Yesterday they heard that she was better. Eunice is gaining they say. Truly she does not walk any — her limbs seem to have lost strength, but I think they are getting better — stronger now. Caroline and Laura were here to tea on — day last week, and we had Mr.

and Mrs. P. and S. in to tea. Also. We have not had much company since coming home, as the going was bad. Jennie has had a bad cold most of the time since coming home. She seems to be better but still coughs very hard at times. We dont seem to hit the right remedy. She coughs hoarse, and her mouth is sore. I am in hopes she will be better now as the weather is growing warmer. I am most well of my cold. Am feeling pretty well considering all things. Tho' her head troubles her some these last days. We got the box of type home when J. E. was home last and he unpacked it. He did not find the stereotype plates of either books. Do you know why they were not sent? Will it be best for you to make inquiries and bring them home with you? I feel sorry that we have left the steel plates of father and mothers portraits so long in Phila. Perhaps when you are home again we may write to Mr. Sartain and learn if he is still keeping them. We shall be glad to have you with us once more. We have got five hens and a rooster. I brought in two eggs today, one yesterday and one the day before. J. E. got the

Remsen, Apr. 29, 1885.

Dear Sister,

Your letter was very welcome Sat. evening - We shall be glad to have you home but - do not - pride you to hurry yourself and come before you get ready. A cold wave has come again and we are glad of fires and winter clothing. The snow is nearly all gone and the ground is drying fast. Yesterday we had some rain, with a strong chilly wind from the south east - today the wind has been more north west. I go to the village every day - so we did not wash today and perhaps will have it - this week - The work on the Leatherdresser is progressing and we hope the number may be got out - this week - perhaps Saturday -

Anna lamed her foot Friday - slipped in the yard by going to the chickery - It almost made her sick - but - she is getting over it -

Mr. Cadwalader preached for us yes=
terday - There was but a small
congregation - 6 men and myself -
Mr. C. is now in Mr. P's room. He
took tea with them - will sleep
in our large room up stairs and
probably take breakfast with us -
Anna has peeled potatoes and I
have prepared the meat for break=
fast - so that we can get it easily.

There has been some very nice
honey in little boxes at Rob Griffith's
for 12½ a lb. We have got some of
it several times - We got two boxes
3½ lbs. the other day against you
come home - We cannot get
nice sweet oranges here so if
you wish to bring us a treat and
can find some good ones they
will be very acceptable - Anna
does not care for bananas but
she does like nuts - Anna has
just read this over and she laughs at it =
she does not expect you to bring her
anything -

Where about is Clinton Place, New York?
I get a pamphlet advertising - Nicholson's

Talented Artificial Ear Drums - His office is 93 Clinton Place - The drums are $8. gold mounted, tubular machines for ladies - I do not have much faith in them but - if you should hear any thing favorable about them please let me know

We are grieved for Mrs. Jardini's bereavement - May God comfort her in the sure hope of a reunion above - How precious is God's word and the inheritance through Christ of eternal life! - May we all be ready when the call comes -

Do you not think Mr. & had better make us a little visit? The change would be good for her and us -

Please excuse a short letter now - Mr. C. has come in and I ought to help entertain - Much love to all - Please write soon - and if you come this week - let us know the day - Eddie writes nearly every day. The boys are most well - and he and Mate getting along - Jennie

Remsen Sept 4. 1887

My loved ones

I'm the bill I send you
a pencil. Mary Isabel is using
the pen to write a letter to
Grace.) I will send the kittens
if you desire it day while Mrs Thomas
stays. We have got Ted. Mrs Thomas
is out in the flower garden; there
is nothing having just come in
with me from a horseback hunting
in which we have gentle Ted accompanied
finding a nest with the big three
Two hens were probably setting
each on a nest of eggs. Unfortunately
one of the nests are just
in prison. In the other
a long tail of nest, in a bank,
which failed of the desired effect
for after picking a few eggs the

a flask of delicious Lutherwelk.
Having home re-joined The Fallen
Still here, and entertained by Rees
Thomas who complained that as
soon as he heard "The girls" he left
[illegible] to go and to them. which
is quite handy to be handed
to send Dill down to the potatoe
patch. and he kindly volunteered
to assume the shape - I came
in and repaired some time for
Idelia which I am going to send and
do up ready for him when he starts
return. He can collect to-day
which I shall drive to the post office
and do a few errands. The wind being
a little strong Anna did not care to
drive to-day, but he has both promised
to go to her farm some day this week to
shoot the rabbits there. he shall take
them down as much fish & [illegible]
getting all the good we can from

I and always feel
when the holidays
season is over for
There are so many
connected with them
days. which we cannot
My dear Cousins
Thus is an opportunity
to send letters to the office this
morning. and as I have had the
pleasure of reading your last good
interesting letter to this family. I
am taking the liberty to write
you a few lines. as the inspiration
to do so. always comes to me
when I come here and miss your
presence. John Eddie is engaged
in like manner. Though his letter
is of a different nature I venture
to assert - we are seated at the
uncleared breakfast table. Which
sounds lazy don't it. and will
sound more so. when I tell you
well and happy as the occasion requires us to be. Though for any

the time. half past nine. Isn't that dreadful. well we had our breakfast early enough for the season. but we lingered at the table and visited. for it is J. E.'s last meal with us. he returns to College life to-day. Then we had our much loved morning worship. all of which uses up the morning hours. Anna & Mary are chatting in Anna's room who ought to be taking her constitutional It is very nice with Mary here and when I come the absent are represented. You see I have to come once in a while to keep the members good. Ed after our Christmas festivities at home were over. I said to our people. I believe I will run up to Stuben for a few days while Eddie is at home Ed.

he can meet me. and Robert said yes I would go. I think he feels a little guilty in not having answered your very nice letter to him. but he is excusable for he has been very busy indeed coming home at night so tired he would go immediately to bed after eating his supper. I trust his very busy time is over now. or will be soon after the new Jews inventory is taken. I came last Saturday and will stay till Saturday of this week. Last evening as J. E. was going to the village to do some last errands. he offered to take me to cousin James. calling for me on his return. so I bundled up. and had my first tip over as we drove out by the lane; this cross road is pretty bad - quite a little snow and not much.

travel. Not troubled with many calls nowadays. Will Lee decided to spend Jan at home as usual, so decided - rather than have Eddie bring me back over the bad road to W with him and call on Mary Evans - while he attended to some calls of his own - I had a very pleasant call with Mary and Lon Sutton. I like Mary very much - They say Jane & Frank Lee up here a couple of weeks ago and Spent an evening. and Robbie - Libbie & Ollie Lee here a week ago. all were well - I suppose the folks here have written you of our visit at Fremont Jones the last time I was up - Anna. Mary & I going over in a cutter on almost bare ground, but we had a good time and a lovely tea -
Cousin Charlie was down to our house one night a couple of weeks ago. all were well at the time.
Frank & Ada were home for Christmas We had an enjoyable time & all are

Anna has just come in from taking the dogs out for a walk & I am thankful to say it is not raining. I thought the walk would do me good as I have been out hunting hares most of the morning & have only seen one. I should have liked to get a shot at it as it was sitting quite still in the field when I first saw it but it started running & I was not quick enough. Anna has been out hunting hares most of the morning & has only seen one. I should have liked to get a shot at it as it was sitting quite still in the field when I first saw it but it started running & I was not quick enough.

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Anna and I have been out hunting hares most. Coming in I thought it was time to begin a letter to you. which I wanted to do till I should come here. and have been thinking about doing so any day since I came the way I came up last Friday &c, now Tuesday morning. nearly a week the time does go by in a busy house with good company.

I shall like you like a picture of us. as we are just now - Anna is directing the work in the kitchen. meantime taking an occasional look at a loaf of Jemima's kind of brown bread, which she has put in the oven. She has just said to Alice

your bread looks real nice" By the
way said Alice is washing the kitchen
window. the last of the house cleaning
that room which I believe about ends
that important Spring work —
The monotonous sound coming up the
outside cellar way tells me that the
man of all work is working the churn
dasher below. So there is a goodly prospect
of fresh buttermilk. Old Doll stands out
in the barn yard nibbling grass while
she waits for her master. who
some ago was using her for the
ordinary work of hauling manure
I believe the seed is all in, and some
some out. which the chickens found.
in the nicely made cucumber hills.
I am sorry we can't brag of having
corn & potatoes planted. but we will
by & by if sun & showers favor and
old Jack Frost stops away. Jessie
(not the one I am using) holds a note

looking animal. which Mr Jones says will surely sum up 6 cwt this fall. 26 little chicks go peeping about. the cows give a nice lot of milk. and everything seems to be in a thrifty condition especialy the apple tree worm. which has become a terrible pest in this State this year. it is next to impossible to get rid of them. I wonder if they have reached you. I believe they started from the East. I know three years ago the fruit raisers of Mass, were greatly troubled.

Edelie has been home for a few days but has returned to graduate. He did not get the prize. though he got a very handsome compliment. which was almost as good. The Professor of Elocution at Cornell said to an other professor that "Everitt ought to have had the prize". as he was the most forcible speaker &c &c. He is quite well

and is looking forward to starting out into the great world with a good deal of courage - I am glad he has chosen the ministry for I believe it is his calling - Robert too paid him a pretty compliment - by saying he had a pleasant voice for the pulpit. one that would never tire people - He too thought Edelei deserved the prize; but then he thought he might be a little prejudiced

Robbies little family were here yesterday to call with Clara. who has been quite ill but is now gaining. They with us were glad to hear your letter which came while they were here; Little Lewis is a fine fellow and looks better than last summer. Ollie is a mischief - cunning as she can be - When they went home Anna drove over with Clara & Ollie coming back to Mrs Price, where she met Libbie Lewis & I. we had walked & called there. They are all well there. the old lady asked about you. when you were coming home &c &c. Can imagine by what I write that Anna is with us. Yesterday afternoon Fan thought she can walk to

So we do not know just how to do it. I wonder if she would be willing to write again how I could get along with that small house. My dear sister, this spring is decidedly warmer than before the rain. We have had breakfast; Mamma and I, John is eating and Mary has not got up. She sat up last evening to write and hence laziness - to tell the truth she is not at all well. Her head troubled her a great deal yesterday - so that she looked very badly and I doubt not felt worse - there she is dressing now - We have a shawl hung on the supports of a shelf John has near the ceiling about the middle - We mean to make a curtain but took the one we had for our little clothespress - I sit one [illegible] Have you noticed the opinions in Harper's Bazar and the pictures of styles and cuts? and what do you think of them? I like the last - that is the day for the first - that is the day for the second - I like the striped for the skirt - of the [illegible] I am and Hannah [illegible] Medium for

of the shawl writing, and Mary dressed
the other side by the bed. The door into
the kitchen is directly back of me and
the stove in front of me. It is now 6
-50 a.m. and I have had the door
open all morning to air our room
and no fire - I attempted to build
it but failed - now I have brought
coals from the other room and the fire
takes a start - I intend to get a ~~the~~ other
large enough to ~~Read~~ readily and if I
like it - will order one for you. I will
put in a circular so you can ~~order~~
it if you wish. I have money now
and Edward has just offered to pay
the semiannual int. but I told him
to wait - his convenience - or keep
it - till I need. How are you off? How
are we owing Mrs. Huddleston
remember the home is ours and

the expense of running it must and all come out of your pocket. Are you going to have any new dress this spring? I wish you would look at my green silk and that there is of my black silk dress and see if something pretty cannot be made for you. I intend to get me a new black silk and one for Mary, if she will accept. But she is all the time saying we must save the money in case we shall want to go home! I tell her we'll draw on Edward for that and look out for expensions. Mrs. Allen went at such a time & made money - at least her ticket was much less than in coming out and she had all the advantages of a drawing room car. The sun is coming out and it promises a clear day. We did not wash yesterday - but it

was so late when we was tied last week
there is no need of hurrying. I mean
to try to coax Mary to go and look for flowers
so we can send you a sample. The first plants
seem growing for a wager! and the straw=
berries are coming on well. The forest
are bringing out their spring dresses and
soon they will be gay with their red bud
blossoms and white plums, of which there
are many - then the varied shade of green
will add the lovely finishing touch. - It is
rather muddy after the rain so we will
probably be glad to confine ourselves to
walking on the grass. I killed a rooster
yesterday before anybody else was up. I could
not break his neck so I held his head between
my knees while I tied his feet - and I think
I smothered him. We skinned him and in-
tend to try to stuff him. Jane Hughes'
letter giving directions is misplaced

half an hour then
flies were all (one
We have a few (Comp
flies but they do not
trouble us much yet.
Dear Sister, We are trying to keep
the wire doors closed
Our apples are setting and
and we pick them out
for the pigs; sometimes
they wait in the hall.
Mary is writing to you and
have just finished a letter in reply to one
I had from him the last time he
was in town (Wednesday). There was
also a nice letter from cousin Mary
Ward - she gave me two weeks to answer
so I can leave it till next time. We
did not get much notice this time
of our opportunity - so must write hurridly!
I have been wanting to tell you Miss
Parloa's receipt for frosting - Do not
beat the white but stir in the
sugar - I cannot find time to cook
it up now but will again - just make it
about as thick as we do when the white
is beaten - she says it takes a little

more sugar but-is enough better and tenderer to pay. I tried once and had good success - have no frosting sugar or I would frost- Afternoon - This wind blew me good - it gave me curd when John churned and I made the nicest- bacon cake and ginger= bread and Johnnycake and there is lots more. I'm going to melt-it-so as to keep it till next week. - We went-to the timber yesterday a.m. to get flowers thinking John would go to town as it was Friday! We got-quite a variety but-by today they are hardly fresh enough to send. Wonder if you could guess what guests we found waiting for us when we got-back; I had left-a little of the pancake batter in a pan near the stove thinking maybe John would fry some when he came to get-his breakfast. Thousands of little flies had congregated about it= on the walls, floor and window! I never saw the like! I took the batter for the chicks & in

We make tea - and coffee - and eat bread and butter - and cake - and pie - and sauce - and preserves - and pickles - and apple butter - and sugar - and cream - and milk - and butter - and eggs - and fruit - and nuts - and candies - and raisins - and almonds - and oranges - and bananas - and lemons - and figs - and dates - and prunes - and peaches - and pears - and grapes - and melons - and watermelons - and cantaloupes - and pineapples - and strawberries - and raspberries - and blackberries - and gooseberries - and currants - and cherries - and plums - and apricots - and nectarines - and quinces - and persimmons - and pomegranates - and olives - and figs - and dates - and prunes - and raisins - and almonds - and walnuts - and pecans - and filberts - and chestnuts - and peanuts - and cocoanuts - and Brazil nuts - and hickory nuts - and butternuts - and beechnuts - and chinquapins - and acorns - and hazelnuts - and pignolias - and pistachios - and pine nuts - and sunflower seeds - and pumpkin seeds - and watermelon seeds - and cantaloupe seeds - and muskmelon seeds - and honeydew seeds - and casaba seeds - and crenshaw seeds - and persian melon seeds - and honeydew melon seeds - and casaba melon seeds - and crenshaw melon

vested for me in a lace for my neck and the $3. remaining would get a nice album and be a good reminder of dear cousin's thoughtfulness! If any one objects speak now or forever keep silence! — Did I tell you of my strawberry experience last Monday? After washing I started over to call on little Bessie Lessenden with a cookie and a picture in my pocket and copies of Town & Fireside for her mother to read and Miss Parloa's Receipt Book! It was on the way to Arthur Barnard's — the strawberry man! and I thought perhaps I would not be too tired to walk on a mile for berries — When I met him almost as soon as I got onto the road. I had gone thro' the cornfield. He was taking berries to town & I got in and rode to the gate and took 6 qts., filled up in my arms — 3 baskets for a quarter. I had just 50 cts. in my pocket when I started. We had our fill supper time, breakfast-time and once besides and today I scalded the rest. They were pretty ripe and we put them the first day in cans with sugar. Yesterday I opened a can of wild plums for tea — and by mistake I put what was left in the kettle with the berries! If they are a decided hit I'll let you know. Wish you might be here now the fruit is ripening. For dinner we had escalloped chicken, canned tomato, pickled beans and both strawberry & mince pie, as Herman is not fond of the former

magnetism. on this Monday finds me still upon the hill. You remember a week ago to-day I wrote you a hurried letter with pencil from the Kinsman depot. I thought that in a day or two I would surely be gone. But a note from cousin John Butler saying he would be here on Thursday, was inducement enough to keep me that I might meet the cousin & sisters whom I had not seen since a boy. Then an invitation came from cousin Jane that we must all spend the afternoon + evening at her house. So we went in company, nine of us, just think of it. and had a delightful time. I packing my bag began I wrote. expecting to take the evening train. but no such good luck for the people here. for before

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the day closed a trip to Minton Falls was planned for the next day. and who could resist that. not I surely. We went in two loads. the day was perfect. it was a great treat for Margaret who had not been there in many years. She and her two daughters. Cousin John. Frankie. Clara. Eddie and I made a merry party= Jane & Frank thought they could not spend the time so it was a good hay day. We started early and came back early and Eddie went down and helped them draw in what they had cured through the day. At Prospect I telephoned Robert, [illegible] widow of the power of electricity, had a little talk with him. learned the folks were all well. and that I was [illegible] needed & & & So I was more than willing to stay over Sunday, as our young theologue was to preach to the Kinsman people in the M.E. Church and I was anxious to see what we grandkids have for him: for I know I heard him preach in Brandville a year ago. Well

I wish you had been here, and could have heard him. He did well. proud that the year had not been wasted. I imagine his Grandfather would have been proud of him. He was sorry Anna could not go. but a little bowel trouble kept her at home in the morning. & she thought she ought not to venture in the evening; after church Jane & Frank. Clara & Seth Jones, who is having his vacation, came home with us and we had a good sing. Seth plays and John is very fond of singing. being a good bass. and if you will believe it Eddie is getting to be quite a singer. an accomplishment that he seems to have quite a desire to cultivate; after singing we had lemonade & cake, Lemons brought from the Falls. to patronize the Grocery man who was obliging to come & see us.

By the way. Margaret & Mary took the evening train Saturday for Utica. John taking them to the depot with the buggy. They wanted to spend Sunday at Lewis, then get

home to-day. Taking up home duties again to-morrow. Feeling very thankful for the restful week they had spent here. Yesterday Morning John & Ada & I concluded we would represent this family at "Capel Ucha" (of course I cannot spell that right); at the church door we met Jane & Elen, the latter on her way to the village, she took Ada to Sunday school and we went in with Jane who seated us in the seat back of yours - we listened to the same little man who was there a week ago - I like his appearance very much. He is young but seems very earnest, after the sermon there was a Society. John was called upon and said a few appropriate words - I did my duty by repeating a verse - after church we shook hands all around. Of course the people were pleased to see this descendant of their former loved pastor: John reminds me so much of cousin Sarah: his mother and cousin Edward, indeed, the family resemblance is strong — I thought last night as I went to bed: that I should with to know

I nearly forgot to mention the greatest part of our mail received yesterday I immediately recognized the bag I constructed to carry the empting cakes- and on the inside Jennie's handiwork for who else can make such candy Thanks cousin - Emma and I enjoyed it being on her back between daylight and dark — we have often said if Jennie was here we would have some home made candy. as we ate it. it seemed to bring you nearer to us than even the letters do —

Wednesday morning. Weaver and
Sammy [illegible] I did not have an
opportunity to finish it yesterday
and so will add a little. Brother
Ba proposes that I stay longer and
have you come out here before
going home! That would
think of taking Hilda on
your way!

Do you hear from
how she is. I have been more
anxious since Cora M. left
has been there or Cora
has gone I do the preparation
to prove that she was not
as rich she was in many
another time. I'll wait till
pleasant weather and have
one of you come with me
Blaine has gone to Salt Lake
I have given her three days
to keep - but it does not seem

if you receive it. Last week Tuesday
J. Eddie came here and remained
over night; The next day he and
Cousin M. came up to Rex
and Saturday eve we all came
down together John Eddie going
right on to Clinton - & do not
think we would or could have
got away from home without
their help - the weather was
very mild and pleasant all the
week - and only after we were safe
within Cousin M's, comfortable home
was there a change - Before John
Eddie reached Clinton it began to
rain - We had a letter from him
this a.m. - he says the rain stopped
before he reached the 6th of the hill
- there was [illegible]
think he did not get very wet, altho'

he was without his umbrella.

He helped us so much when he was at home. Made things pretty understandable with Mr. J. We told him you were preparing a paper & agreement for us. We let him have the three cows for $65. and the team for $75. for one year. He did not feel that he ought to pay $80 without the cows and A. & I that we had better yield. The $5. would be made up if we have a cordial feeling all the year. The taxes, of course, they have paid all along, and I suppose will do so still. It might be well to put it in the agreement & also that the [illegible] as much hay left as there is now. [illegible] think it will be hard for you to write out the agreement without the old paper we had when Robbie was with us. So if you will state what privileges or reservations you would like we can get to the [illegible] to write the deed.

Cousin Mary Ann Roberts from Chicago is coming East - a and came from her this a.m. She intends to start about the 12th inst - and spend a few days here - We shall be very glad to have the opportunity - to see her -

[illegible] - the think Maggie is better tho' very weak - [illegible]

Tuesday a.m.

- She said it - is the typhus typhoid and that M. was very sick indeed -

Cousin Roberts is better - Her fever broke [illegible] a few days before on 24th - She [illegible] - a cousin of hers - son of her father's nephew [illegible] near the Mattie Stone Church, died last Saturday - he was about 21. Had measles - then typhoid fever - There [illegible] many cases of measles in the village among children now -

Rev. Mr. Hughes is at home on a visit - intending to remain about a fortnight - He called on us Saturday a.m. He looked well and expressed himself much pleased with his new charge - Expects to [illegible] about 4th.

Lou—in M. and Hannie have gone down at it is cold and some snowy. It has not been out yet—Mary took Ann for a little while over to the greenhouse yesterday—& was back in a story book and only knew it had gone when I saw them coming back—Ann is is busy with the same story today—The books belong to a circulating library—Bessie and Ella is expected to come for it sometime today—

Mr. Hughes told us that after 1—the first of Nov. to N.Y. will be reduced to $2. Must inquire if it is so—should it be worth if it would pay for one to [illegible] and see Jo—and then on to Hillsdale—Ann could remain here—she is not strong enough for such a trip—She seems to enjoy [illegible] and rests well nights—She has gone now for a short rest before dinner. We occupy the front chamber and every convenience to make our stay pleasant. It has been Sunday—and yesterday the snow was heavy and wet—We came just the night time. We shall hope to [illegible]

When I put a bottle of small
potatoes to soak for the pigs I had
filled it last evening - so I got
and put potatoes for dinner this
morning. I'll put the skins on the pigs
mush & give them a little of
that & a few potatoes by a hog. And so many
stomachs as a cow & don't know how
John could find enough to fill
all - & with his 82 big hogs! He gives
them shelled corn soaked in milk
a watter - & hails fully & think twice
a day - corn on the cobs, with
a little apples, kitchen slops &c. This
puts a cap & think cream, every
morning when he skims, for Mary.
Christmas cakes and encourages
her to eat it - the last two days. So
I'll eat it for her - but when I'll some
day & roll it & bake it - today I put-
tinkering the frosting, Cake! - You ought
to have a piece, & take three cups
of butter milk, two eggs, two cups
of sugar, salt, soda, cinnamon
& enough of flour to make a batter
& a thin batter all by & fry 1-two
Letter shortly & will finish in the morning. I wish this sheet - was larger. I don't by with Love & Kisses to all

Letters, I'll put your name at the head of
List, à la Mary! We had a rainy night and
shower this morning, it is now about 9 - 30.
The men have gone to milk after having
had breakfast - John is eating, and Mary.
brushing her hair. She brushes it vigorously &
long lives a three times every day, and a new
growth of hair is coming all over her head. It is
most ½ an inch long already. I brush mine too, but not
so faithfully - with I know not what success. My
hair is greyer than when I left you and face
more wrinkled and shoulders more rounded! Wonder
if you would know one if we met unexpectedly
at the Centennial! Especially as I have such

a great poke bonnet; with feathers and bows on top and face lined with velvet - The redeeming quality is, that its - all black! My hat is the veritable felt - the papers say inundated New Bern City when the country people poured in a day or two before Centennial! It also has a feather and is round with a small brim, altogether suitable for winter. Mary and I also have green gingham sunbonnets and Mary has a black straw hat for best - she wears my tall straw or what was mine brought from home. Gowns that I exchanged with her for, is worn out; and I think left at Alice. - Well, I did not mean to run on such a string! As I look out from our West window I see one of the wash bowls, bottom up out in the middle of the yard - half way to the potatoes. There must have been a breeze in the night. A few morning ago John had a great hunt for his heavy butter pail cover - the wooden pail in which he works his butter before working it over the second time after some rain Mary would say, with which he covers up or a plate, piece by piece as he first works it, The pail is about 2 or 2½ times longer than our patent

wooden pails - the cover galvanized iron shutting down tight over the pail - At last - after hunting and asking, he found it - by the fence, near the potatoes, some two a more rods from the house. We have to keep a sharp look out - when Boreas is around. Our chicks hold their own, and I find both pleasure and work feeding them. We get - about - 2 doz. eggs daily and often a find of a hidden nest - full extra. When I was pretty looking eggs, instead of blowing the shells, I prick and blow them, I have a string of 24 hanging above the looking glass. When I get - materials I hope to decorate them. Have you any suggestions? They look pretty as they are in among the dodder twisted about - the cord that supports the little shelf under our looking glass. We found some fresh young dodder the other day. We will watch it - and report - to you - sending you a specimen by and by. It - is bright - yellow and curling tightly around the other weeds amidst - which it grows. The one we saw is under a small honey locust beyond

the hog field, so it is easily found. Did we ever tell you about the honey locust? It's flowers are sweet, very attractive to bees and other sweet-toothed creatures with wings - but the trunk and limbs of the tree are armed thickly with prickers, spurs pronged and re-pronged! On one large tree in the timber there seemed to be a perfect net-work of sharp thorns all over the bark. There are four such trees in the orchard - one by the Mann house and one on the side of the walk going down there. At a distance they look like those in front of the D's. We have not been on a real strawberry hunt yet. Meant to go today had it been dry. I am putting up pie plant juice to keep till this year's apples will do to use with it for jelly. I think I shall use the Golden Sweets - they are about as early as any I know now and are juicy and easily cooked. The Yellow apples are decaying rapidly now. Mary tries to and usually does pick three or four rotten ones for the pigs every morning. I will not put sugar with the juice till I make the jelly. - I've left this to wash dishes

It is a beautiful day - cold and windy. There was some frost last night - which shows the change near the bay. Early this a.m., but not enough to give us much ice. I think of the little adventure of last Sunday! It seems so strange to think that Ray is on Leyte and that I am not with him. But I am glad that he is a precious darling. I should think, a earlier, soon after I get up Mary is feeling better than when I last wrote. Her stomach has troubled her so that she could not eat; only sip hot-water. Now since Saturday she has been taking beef tea - made of stock, that I once roasted and addressed to you. Mary was anxious lest it might get heated some way in Uncle Sam's pocket and be mulled enough to run. It was in a qt. baking powder can I turned it wrong side up and put it on a box close to our fire. Then forgot all about it & went on with my letter writing. When I did look the stock was running out slightly. So I put it away thinking I would put sealing wax on

and used it again - But it was neglected. How Mary remembered it and it had kept perfectly. She is finding it very acceptable now and a strength giver. Yesterday I began to wash before she got up and had the first boiler on. The clothes were all dried before noon, and in the house ready to fold - except the overalls, they were in the boiler and the aprons soaking in first water. Mary rubbed the aprons & overalls and also hung out the clothes. We neither of us got very tired - proof, we went gooseberrying before night - while John was churning and got over & got. They are small and green, of course. They are not good for cooking after they are ripe. It is about right time to gather. There are a good many bushes scattered through the timber. If John could only have cultivated gooseberries, grapes, berries, cherries plums, peaches &c. &c., he and we would grow fat & be rich I believe. This is a great fruit state, and sorghum is very profitable to raise. Flax too, and easy to culti-

The papers say, new discoveries & inventions have lately come into use in preparing flax which will make it more available for spinning purposes and so will probably inaugurate a new era in flax culture! Who can read the future of this great state! They are just opening salt works in town - started from the unsuccessful boring of a well for the creamery. It is likely to be one of the best in Kansas - this side of Indiana, they say. The creamery has started - this year they will not attempt making butter owing to a scarcity of ice. Last winter was too mild for it for they have had 8 to 10 ds a [illegible]. They receive no milk Sunday a good ice formation. Sunday morning after our breakfast - and before Mary was dressed I went up to the orchard - and the flowers drew me on and on, till I reached Mrs. Seasenden's with a great bouquet. Bessie greeted me without timidity and very cordially. It makes me think of Ella Bessie and the other little girls whenever I go there, and does me good. Bessie had that.

school closing exercises and saw a room full. I have no idea where they all have their homes - somewhere in the country round. We can see ~~four~~ six houses from here besides John's and the schoolhouse. But when the corn attains its height it will shut off a good part of our view. — 30th We did not go to the 10 a.m. meeting where the procession was expected to start for the cemetery — Mary has been busy getting ready, John's things & hers and sweeping, clearing up &c. &c. She began to pack the lunch and boiled the eggs. German went horseback, some of his comrades, mounted, called for him. He left the wagon ready and the team hitched for us, but Shafer has put the horses in the stalls. John churned twice yesterday so as to be able to go, but there is so much work with the milk that he could not get through to start before 11 anyway. He ought to eat before going so we have decided not to start till after dinner anyway. The roads are very muddy and the river so high that the ford is impassable.

the water was coming in under, like a strong
spring and most half our floor was under
Mary had been eating and I at work in the
other room. She swept out the water, that it might
not spread more - I removing the things. Then
I thought to utilize some of the nice soft-
water - made a fire and washed my
head - we have to do that pretty often, as there
is so much dust from this fine soil. While
I was wiping my hair - Mary exclaimed, The
chickens are making a nest somewhere and
like a flash she rushed out into the driving
rain. Herman was sitting near the kitchen
door repairing broken chairs, and Mary handed him
what seemed to be a dead, wet chick. He gave
it to me. After a little, from the warmth of my
hands it began to revive and I could feel
the throbbing, almost imperceptably of its breathing
or pulse. Mary brought in the rest of that brood
16 in all
all dripping wet and cold - But few of them could

stand up. We covered them up in flannel, in two
-put them near the stove. At first they were
pretty still, but as they grew warmer their eyes fell
emply and they pushed up their covering and called
for food. We kept them in till they were thoroughly
dry and lively - when Mary took all, except Stan, the
one so nearly drowned - to their mother and tried
to shut them in the coop, but one chick darted
off to another board and Mary left the door open.
It was raining very hard then. The last one
Stan,
we put under the hen at night = This morning
all are lively as ever! I think they are over
2 weeks old. There were so many the hen could not
cover all; she had left her coop and was in a
lower spot where the water was running in a small
brook; and coming down so fast from above. Mary
got wet enough, picking them up, but she changed
and was hardly the worse for it. Just before
the rain moderated somewhat, the wind gave
a sharp turn to the west and the rain drifted
heavy and strong from that direction. It grew

cold and I put on my flannel mother Hubbard & Mary also added to her clothing. We made fires & the men were glad of their coats. It is quite cool now — Mary felt uncomfatably cold in the night, but we had gone to bed with the door open as our fire had been most too much. We fasten the wire door so are not afraid when we leave the other open at night. — No one went to town yesterday. The rain must have swollen the river so as to make a journey by the bridge necessary. That is most as far again as by the ford. Our last mail received was Saturday Friday, nothing came tho' John & Shafer went down with the wagon. Tomorrow is Decoration Day! John asked Mary the other day if she would like to go! We hope, if it is pleasant, that he will take us. My last trip to town was Election day on our return from Alpe! I wonder if I shall not feel something like Noah coming from the ark! You know we went the Fourth & saw some people together — then we went to the

bunch of flowers; and I had a much larger
- not a hand full, but an armfull by the
time I reached home. Mr. & Mrs. Secunden and
Bessie were going for a little while to his father's
- not far off. At the afternoon Mr. L. comes to Sunday
school, of which he is the Supt.; in our school house.
Bessie is too small (2½ yrs old) to go and her mamma
had not been yet this summer. Last summer
she used to go and lead the singing and leave
Bessie with one of her aunties or grandma. Mrs.
L. is a Marcia - almost, if not quite as sweet as
our N. Y. cousin M. - 29th - 6-45 a.m. - Have just fin-
ished breakfast. The men had their first - I alone,
and John is alone now. We had pancakes. He is
making graham pudding. Mary is dressing. She
did not sleep well last night - or the night before
- the war of the elements affects her nerves!
It is cooler this a.m. and it only drizzles. but
yesterday it poured - right against our
east door, and the first thing we noticed

What is the cost?
I can let you have
some in July - 9
cents per two pair =
Dear Sister, these
meals - then, the
1st of 19th. Then
Ben will be startled to hear
of the death of John Shafer. He has been
with brother John so much since
Hanks death that it comes pretty
near to him. Shafer was getting off
the train at Beagle, a place about
four miles from Osa. It was expected
that the cars would stop there, Shafer
was struck in the temple. This was
about 6 p.m. yesterday. He died about
1 a.m. today. Is to be buried today
about 4 p.m., if they can get ready
by then. Then cannot keep the body.
The face is all black already. The
weather is warm and the decay
more rapid dying as he did without
previous sickness.

Thank you for sending Cousin Mary's letter. Will try to write soon to her. Much love to all. Where is Candace Dawes?

German is going to town this a.m. with Mary to take the butter to J. Cox's customers. They hope to return in season for the funeral which is at the Quaker Church near the home of the Shafer boys. Will is here working. Two men came last night to tell him and he went as soon as he could but did not see his brother alive. He had gone to town in the evening and had not returned. German went for him. Mary was up and did not sleep much before 3 a.m. I knew nothing about it till after breakfast this a.m. I asked German where Will was but did not understand the name of the place where he said he had gone. He said nothing of the accident and I supposed Will would be back right away. Mary was

This is a lovely day. The sun is so cloudless and a slight breeze gives a delightful coolness to the atmosphere, where the direct rays of the sun do not strike. I wish you could enjoy the profusion of flowers we have now - wild and from the gardens of our neighbors. I went for a walk Sunday and came home with my arms full of wild beauties. Some great bunches of bright & lighter pink flox and white minonette, I had some blue since Saturday and I don't know many other varieties I gathered. We made a large bouquet which adorns our stove hearth. Tip of stove has cultivated pink flox, lily, peony, honeysuckle &c., on the window, and close by are three other bouquets, mostly roses, two or three blossoms of wisteria. Oh, you ought to be here, or to put your nose in your next letter to come and get a whiff of the fragrance! There I forgot the insurance

sleeping. At last I got uneasy and told Mary Will had not slept in his bed and was not here to breakfast! Then she told me. I do not think I will go to the funeral It would be hard for us all to go, coming home as they will near dark. I can have supper ready for them and fire and hot water for John to scald the milk pans.

We are all pretty well. My cough so much better that I sleep all night. We washed yesterday and ironed this a.m. It is pretty near noon. Herman has had his dinner. Mary's breakfast was so late that she may not take any. I made four pies this a.m. and one small one, blueberry, cranberry & mince. It is the last of last year's gooseberry. This year's hang thick on the bushes waiting for us. We intended to gather some today

Will is helping Father with the milk so I will have to write

Assawatomie July 12/80

Sister dear;

We have been busy blackberrying this week. Jennie & I went one day, Monday, to Hunick, and got about four qts. and another day, five qts. Yesterday she went alone, and brought home six qts! Not that she is so much smarter alone, than when I am with her, but they are ripening faster; and we know the places better. One day, Wednesday, we got everything ready for dinner & started out in the forenoon leaving the men to bake it for dinner. We found two nice places and wandered around a good deal, searching for more. About noon we found a spring, and camped

near, to eat some biscuits which we had taken in our pockets. By & by we lay down and went to sleep! Then on waking we continued our march finding our second road place on our way home. It proved to be near an old friend the black cherry tree. So, after most filling our "buckets", we camped again under its welcome shade and wished you were there with us. It is so restful under that tree. There is tall underbrush reaching almost to the lower limbs with paths here & there, like spokes of a wheel, the tree being the hub. Jennie pointed to the spokes & said "this is the hub. we are at the hub, Boston is the hub, therefore we are at Boston"! Immediately around the tree the ground is clear, and with the beautiful shade it is just a lovely place

When Carroll was here, he thought it was the nicest place he had found since he had left New York. There will be a great many cherries this year, but they are green yet. The hens had quite a time with the flies in the milk room this week. The screen door got out of order, and they, thinking that cream was nice, came in to the feast, consequently I have had to look over the pans before John skimmed, also look over the cream before churning. I also sit by when he makes the butter & watch for flecks as he cannot see them. This with the trip to town two & sometimes three times a week takes a good deal of my time and I fear it encroaches on my correspondence. The hens had new wire screen on our milk room door and

matters will soon be better & safe. Jennie is now washing the milkroom floor while John rests a little; then we will skim before going to town. When have you heard from P. Eddie? We have not for two or three weeks. His two sermons weekly keep him pretty busy. We did not receive your weekly letter last week and are trying to think that you are on a visit somewhere. If you went to Bethel you would be far from the P. O. and the days would slip by. Trust, dear one that you are not sick, If you are will not Mrs. W. write? We are having a dry spell, and long for rain to help the corn & potatoes. Have had no rain or hardly any in three weeks. Apples are ripening Our Golden Sweets will soon be ready to use. A heart full of love from Jennie & Mary H. Everett

Have turkeys and ducks
Finely. Some of the
My chicks are pretty wild
and kick up a good
living in the barn.
Sister. We like to be
fed. I generally give
them stale bread
diffused in buttermilk
that is better for them
than corn meal - We
Have just been washing
the dinner dishes. It is so warm now that
we do not venture to get meat. John has
a prejudice against putting up pork for
family use and beef does not keep well
during summer weather. Mary made
some milk gravy to go with the new potatoes
and I made soda biscuits successfully. We
had a pleasant call this a.m. from Mrs.
Reynolds. She has been making some shirts
for John - Mary is getting a sample to put in
this that you may see it. She charged 25¢
ea. each for making, made two - She trimmed
our hats that we got in Emporia, while here
and made no charge. She has been very
kind to us and I would like to make
some return. Do you know of any pretty

little gift - we might get for her Silver wedding which occurs the 29th of this month! She has invited us to the - I don't know just what to call it = visit - I suppose. I do not know whether Mary will think best for us to go or not - John never goes. I think his going with butter and eggs to his customers is wearing the edge off the zest of seclusion off Mary too enjoys the change. We are enjoying ripe blackberries now. M & I picked quite a good many yesterday in the edge of the timber. Had some to supper. John had some to breakfast also and I had mine this noon. I have the rest on the fire to can, as I mean to go again after they start to gather some for supper. There are a good many bushes - if we had rain they would ripen faster - but maybe too fast for our strength to pick. Mary and John are dressing now and the team is hitched at this northeast corner of the house just outside of the window where I write. I have written to cousins Mary & Jennie. Hope to get answers before long. We have several more broods of little chickens and the

of mice about in
Kansas - raining
all the week and my hands
tired, so please excuse if my pen
goes off the line or the letters
crowd &c. Mary is cleaning
clothes for him to wear to town. He
does not like the trouble of chang-
ing at night on his return. and
there are several things he must
do to finish up the chores - feeding
the calves - the worse for soiling his
clothes - and Mary has the trouble,
which he does seem to realize, of
making them presentable for his
next journey to town. He has to
churn and make the butter
each afternoon before starting.

I usually wash the churn, cream
tub, butter bowl &c after he goes as well
as a pile of milk pans and the
floor of the milk room. Today I
must mop our kitchen and if I can
the bedroom as well. I made three
pies this a.m., and have bread in
the oven now. I wish you could taste
our apples - they are of such a nice
flavor. We did have a few peaches
ripen - and made pies of them.
Most of the peaches have rotted fully grown
yet. Mrs. Reynolds made some wild
plum jelly a few days ago - a gal.
and a half I should think. She just -
boiled
water to cover the plums and strained
that juice she made the jelly - She
made plum butter of the pulp with some
apples also. I was over there yesterday
and also the day before when she was
preparing the plums. When I came
home she gave me a large bright -

bouquet - Zinnias, mourning bride
mostly and one good large corcomb.
On my way back I picked wild
flowers and made for contrast
a wild bouquet to stand by the
tame one. I could not crowd into
my hand with the others a great
many, so that bouquet is not so
large as Mrs. R's. You ought to see
that. I filled a gt. baking powder can,
then a tin basin under the can
and another shallow tin beneath
the basin, covering all with
flowers. They are on our north
window sill and I picked a
few wild grape vines to train up
back against the wire netting cover-
the window. We keep the window
raised except when it rains
from the north. Will and Mac went
to a festival in Bangor (the home
of their girls) They each rode one

of John's horses. German came from Paola yesterday noon to stay till to-morrow noon. He is attending Teachers Institute which continues one week longer. Then he will be here till early in Sept. when the Normal opens. He does not remember either his father or mother, but he has their daguerreotypes which he showed us yesterday. Mrs. Sessenden had told me that he could sleep with Longo anytime he should come - so last night he went there to stay, and today he has gone off with them somewhere. Mary is getting the eggs ready to take now and we must get what dried apples we can ready. Mary wrote down the names this morning so she could recall of the butter customers - over 40. This is a lovely day - we have the biggest half always

Mac Clell was today.
We should miss him.
a cattle for him will. He
was very handy with
churning, and skimming
milk, feeding
the milk & the calves.
the wood and carrying
the milk & the calves.
He used to work on
the farm, Holden
helped Chas. Holden
before Gus.
about Gus. - Either
of the men could
do it - but they are so
busy, now & Mrs. Holden
like to join you in this home visit!
Enjoy a little for us, will you? Hope
the next letter will bring something
from Hattie & the rest. Does Holden
never write? Is his health improving?
Do you not think, Anna, that the
fund, that Father was the means
of having founded, might give
Holden some help. Though Johnny,
being a F. Baptist at the time, &
S.E. a Presbyterian, were not
eligible H. is a Congregationalist &
I think he might have some.
I wrote to S.E. last, & perhaps this
week suggesting that he write
to W. W. Thomas. — He, S.E. expects

to visit Alf next week. Sorry he will lose a visit with Carroll as he goes to College on Monday next. We had a sharp thunder shower this morning just after breakfast, wetting a nice lot of hay that was ready to carry. The boys have just been out to turn it as that on top was already dry. The sun came out hot and dries fast. I am better of my attack of indigestion, though I think I will not indulge in the richness of Jennies peach dumpling this noon. I have eaten a little peach pie since writing you last. — We have had a cold August, but it is warmer now. Our folks had the first hay cut on Thursday last, carried several loads yesterday, commencing

a slack month of the horse barn.
Have you heard from L. E. since
writing your last? I've sent him
yours via Alfie thinking he was there this week &
so that all might
have a taste. — John goes earlier to-
day and yours probably will be the only
letter today. Thursday evening German
went to town. I did not know of it till
supper time, but while he ate I
hurried and wrote a short letter to
Libbie. We think a good deal of having
them within a day's journey of the
mail. Will Hughes goes to town three
times a week Tues. Thurs. & Sat. — So
those days if good fortune has a letter
for them in Uncle Sam's pocket — they
get it right away. I wish they had
chosen Pleasantdale instead of Buf-
falo Center for their western home.
You see, John waited here many, many
real years of the newness of the country to
wear off, the rail-roads to come and

Rush
Has a letter from Mrs. J. R. S. and Mrs. Rev. Willis
the only
Has a letter from Samuel Graham to Hubbard

a market to open for his produce. Now everything is just like an old settled eastern town with a great deal more stir and business than Renown or Trenton. There is a large rail road centre of business like that of Ulitea — Shops &c &c — 40 or 50 Conductors and I don't know how many ord. men. The pay car stops here monthly and a goodly sum of money passes into the pockets of these men. John has never before done so well with his dairy — He has had 20 cts. most all the time and a good run of paying customers — Usually he gets cash, sometimes towars payday he waits a time or two till it comes. Only occasionally and by a few is the request made for him to wait. — When John came here there were very few trees to attract the rain clouds — now the timber is on all sides of us — like Penmynydd, and we think the scenery is very like that. We have a greater variety of flora & fruits and the cold season is light — and short.

I have not written to Hattie. Perhaps I may tomorrow. Do you hear from Sister Attie? We are wanting to hear the news from Alice and all the rest.

Cascade, Oct. 10, 1880

Here I am up before the rest and beginning a letter to you. The weather is very fine and the harvesters are progressing nicely. The corn is all cut and tied in shocks, John paid 5cts a shock for cutting except those cut by his regular hired men. Now the corn will be left in the fields till they get out the cars - then as they need they will draw the stalks for fodder for the stock. NB, they will draw to the barn - husk the corn and ~~feed~~ stack out the fodder. The hay and millet - is all cut - but a great deal is on the ground not carried yet; John had his millet all cut before they were ready to carry because he feared frost might come and injure it. Hence came yesterday to help. Mary and John

going to town every day (Sundays excepted) leaves us little of the day to work together. It takes me about all the time they are gone to clean up, wash pails and get dinner. Yesterday we had chicken, Mary peeled the potatoes and dressed the chicken, leaving it in the water as I intended to bake it. I got breakfast, washed dishes and wrote to Cark Mills. I am trying to get one letter off every day. Tuesday I wrote to Libbie. We have not heard from them for some time. Have you? So cousin Mary Everett with you now, if so I hope to get some of her nice letters again. She always thinks of things about cousin Charlie's people, Penny, my pyd and Betted that I like to read. I wish Jane would write. She goes so much and sees so many passing by that her letters are always newsy and satisfying. After breakfast, John came in and sat down first one, saying he would eat so as to milk.

George came over; then Hense and Cathy all day
Will - He had been off seeing about his
mules yesterday and got back pretty late
last night. - Our three turkeys are all hens.
When you see Ellen Price ask her
what we had better do, try to get a gobler
this fall or buy eggs in the spring for
setting? I paid 25 cts for ½ doz. last spring,
hatched 4 - one died - three left. I found
a small feather dropped by our light-turkey
will inclose - its a sample, the others are dark.
Yesterday we had a hard cold wind particularly
in the morning - it made one
almost sick, but a good sleep last night
set me right. I wish Mary could sleep
as well. She did not sleep any before 12
and I was restless from about 4 or 3 A.M.
Mary is peeling ½ doz potatoes for dinner now. She
makes that her task before leaving.

Did I tell you of the accident to Mrs.
Snyder's son Henry? Last Sunday he was
in their pasture some distance from

the house. Seeing nuts in the top of a tall tree he went to get them. The limb broke and he fell some 30 ft. Striking on his back. He called to a man who chanced to be nearby. Told him where he lived and sent word home as he could not move. German was on his way to the cars going to Pasa He and another young man from town who was passing made a litter and carried Henry home. They can hardly tell how badly he is hurt. He can use his hands but I think no more. Many calls to inquire as she passes daily. He was not so well yesterday. He is only 13, a bright, interesting boy. They have 3 other sons, 2 older and one about 8 or 10. He went for the Dr. as his father was down town. — Edward wrote to me that he has sent B.B. to you by express. Please let me know when it reaches you. Also let me know how much more you will need before New Year's. Don't let want of funds worry you — and will ditto!

Asawalomie Ks May 13/91

Sister Dearest;

Wish you could have been here yesterday morning to join in our surprise at the arrival of our Boy. He came on a flying visit, leaving Eaton the 2:45 train the afternoon before, due at Asawalomie at 5:10 P.M. He took the 12:1 last night & should reach Anthony at 5:10 this A.M. Something like N.Y. & Rensen, though a little further. Far far him round trip $5.88 He had not realized till a few days before that Jennie was so poorly. Thought she was sitting up, though I think I would him the same as I did you. Jennie was glad to see him but did not commune much. She does not at any time, though glad

to see friends & ~~[illegible]~~ pleased with what they bring, asks them to come again &c. As I cannot leave Jennie just now, Eddie talks of going after you himself. How would that do? Are you strong enough to take the journey without a lady companion? We think you were smart to walk to cousin Mary's. How far is it? How is your carriage about coming first? If Jennie holds on, and I cannot leave her, I can let you have my $100., to come on. Eddie wants to bear the expense. Have you much to meet before you come. (If you do) over what you have on hand? You do not get anything from the farm, if I remember right, till next month, & a remittance from Alonzo later. What do you think of Ashe for awhile, say for the summer & then perhaps go to Anthony after? Eddie would like to

have you there & so they would not
Effie. Jennie enjoyed your letter
& read it to her twice. Also cousin
Mary's letter, she was pleased to hear. They
seemed to take her home for a little.
She has been sleeping most of the
morning. Mary Ann & I are going in
there to town. I am having that grey
dress made, the one Jennie wanted
to send to you. She tried to have
me have it made up. but I thought
all the while that she might have
it for herself. Thought now it would
be best for me to have it. as it
will be good for traveling if so needed.
P. E. & I took a nice ramble yesterday
around the farm. & brought home
a nice bouquet of wild flowers.
which he took with him.
Now dearest. Good bye with love to
you & all the cousins from Jennie
& Mary.

April 11 1862

Dear Sister

I have been thinking of writing
every day but could Not
but I last evening received a letter
addressed to Jane Everett and after
opening I found that it was not
for us but from Cal down Lincoln
County Mo Dear is quite sick he
has been a long time yesterday he
is worse we do not expect him
will probably die tonight or
Blood poisoning I think for Dear
Father go ask to your house with
Love to you all Mrs Kerr and Mrs
Mrs Sibley Mrs Carpenter Father Mrs
Ayers Aunt Sarah Mrs Strong I
hope to see you there at Dear
as the weeks is almost through
Cousin Mary Everett is not dead

with the Doctor her father went
with her she looks glad and
fine we milk eleven Cows the
Goods went to get to Lowell to
factory for three weeks past
of your sister we had better
take the Comfort of them to
us but with a great deal of love
to all from S Emma

I will not be happy until
How many of you
Have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[

night - and [illegible]
to the depot Monday morning he
could ride with them. Mary wants
him to stay here a few days
and recruit. But he was anxious
not to lose his school. Song and
Clarence came for him Sunday
P.M., and he went over there since
then we have heard nothing from
him. Mary feeling quite worried has
gone over now to see if he was able
to go Monday morning and how he
felt. Was. So Lud - your sweet little
of a letter today & Later Mary's place
as scribe. Yesterday was quite
almost like early summer and
after working we talked & walked
We ought to make a find - but
for we found raisin hunts in
our own account of other
Thanksgiving Days, Why etc. of
all our nice little friends &

Baker Springs and that
Spring see any
last what
Tod - over
and look
had the
daily Herald
Prey
[illegible]
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2 (12 rolls. - We ought to take the eggs to sell as we have so many, but they are low and John feels so much hurried that he hardly ever finds time when he goes to town. I think he intends going this afternoon and finally I shall go with him. Mary does not often get up courage to go with us. The roads are smooth in most places, but the Cumberland wagon (this) then is a spring seat gives a rough ride - We went to the mill for feed, John taking the corn on the cob and bringing back coarse meal and a bag or two of bran - this last he bought. John is hurrying us to get dinner and be ready to start so I must close with a kiss without writing much. We are much sorrowed by the news of Little Owen's death. She truly made a happy exchange but we will miss her so much - Have you any further news of her illness? Mary reminds me that to day is the anniversary of our son Arthur's death. How lonely have the years been to us especially since we entering the others followed so soon

We are so glad to know
Mary M. is with you. How
long can she stay? Wish
we could enjoy her visit too
And we do congratulate Cousin Charlie
on his position in the 1st church
Union - and that it is any surprise
to us that they want him, but he
he feels well enough to undertake
it - and it is so much better for
Annie and it not to have him in a
a place near enough to go and come and
not so far that he would have to stay
away from home. Tell him to keep
a cool head and not forget old friends.
I am very much obliged for your criticism
guide an improvement. Wish we could
have seen Professor Magie. I know
does Belle think of staying. It
will be nice for you to have a visit

from cousin Jennie again. Bessie
Cousin Mary's visit and Jennie's
& Robbie's, this begins part of the
winter will pass away & Spring
will soon be here. As it was
snowing out this morning, does
some of the earliest birds start in
quite like spring. I do not know
the name of the bird. but it was
the first to be seen that spring.

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Dear Sistins

I was so glad to hear that you are well again we are having a hard winter now but there is less sickness and death there is a good deal of sickness but not so serious William Williams sixty is no better he is not likely to recover Esq. Lewis is mind is so bad that they cant tell how sick he is Reeps his bed Caroline is about the same Joseph Frances is better Owen Gribble is better is used to be out of course Cousin Mary wrote to you about Clarence Williams death and of Cousin Henry breaking his shoulder how sad Frank was up to the house shaved a little snow of once last and he went in he says everything is all right saw Hugh Hughs up there

he said Eliza was well Robbert Hughes
has bought John Pilchard house
in Rensen Mrs Hezkia Owens has bought
John R Griffith or where he lives and
John R is going to Hezkia house the
rumour is that Jenie is going to marry
William Thomas Ellen is coming home
and the rumor is that Ellen is not
just the same and will not be
till June (Secret) I saw Cousin Charly
and Annie to the funeral they said
Mary was not feeling well atall
Cousin Margret Frances gave me two
dollars so I got William Jones. to paint
the little Kitchen he is playing on
the Organ and waiting for me.
Ellen I do want to see you write as
often as you can I am so glad to
hear from you with Oceans of love

Jane L Cornell

Home, Mon. evening.

Dear Sisters;

We were all very glad indeed to get your letters Saturday evening and to know that Anna seems really continuing to gain. I have been very busy all day in the office or I would not put you off now with such a little bit of a letter. Sarah has been washing — and Mary has just returned from John R. Griffith's where she went last night after meeting so as to keep Ellie company — as her folks had failed to come down to meeting. Mary rode part way home with John D.

Griffiths. Owen sends her "cofio" to you both so do J. R. & family, Mrs Griffiths by the church &c. &c. I did succeed in speaking to Wm Thomas yesterday and so must wait a little before I can send you the news you ask about his family and Mr. Samuels; Billie Pritchard was here to dinner and tea yesterday he went to the meeting in Cobin. We had a letter from Eddie last Friday evening — he was quite well — I put your cuff buttons in this letter — I must write no more now as Tommy and his father are waiting for this letter — All well and send love —

Jennie your sister

P.S. I gave that money for you to Lewis and he promised to deliver it safely

I know
you.
We can
feel some
of would
feel us
knew
we pl-
time
you will
Land-
you
while
so I can
hear
before
I start,
I have
had a
Catalogue
and I'll
take care to
save this for you.

Mother would like to send you DS. but as it does very little in the way of
going. It is quite a disappointment
for me not to have your company
I have been trying this pink and
ricles today but cannot tell that
they help me much. If I so, I
shall hardly venture to go through
New York as it may cost a good
deal more and I cannot start
till the last of this week anyway
probably not till Monday as
Maria has not finished my
dress. She and Anna have
gone over to Elias Jones' this morn-
ing. Anna is not very well
now — she looks very pale and thin
We are sorry that you are feeling
so weakly — do you not think it would
be better to come home and recruit
the country is just splendid now.
We have been having rain and
nature looks fresh and beautiful

Hattie has written again — Lizzie's Spine

All send love. We [illegible] more
have expected the more
Wednesday
night and
I suppose
will be the
day after
I am
sorry to
disappoint
Dr. B. about
the matter
but does
not feel
like
risking
it this
warm
weather
– what –
would
she be
willing
to have
it put
off
Thursday. They have dug for the
Saturday
foundations and there was a very
large stone to get out or they would
have put it up Monday. William has
been sick since Saturday – is better
today – Lewis also has been sick and
I do not think he has been there
to help any. Hon Thomas has been
very faithful about it.

Thank you for taking trouble in
seeing Dr. Houghton, tho' I hardly think
there is much hope of my being helped
by galvanism. Dr Strong tried it. It
did not pain me except that one
time in Utica and that was not ex-
actly pain – but an unpleasant feeling and
taste through my tongue – If some help
could be found for my cough and tender
throat, there would be more chance –
I should like to go or come through

We would have to pay more accordingly for the first edition printed & the next would be much less - Printing 1500 on twice or three times would cost a little more than printing all at once, but there would be no storage to pay - Binding in cloth 12 cents each - making in all $81.50 for 1500 copies -

As Eddie is not going now to collect would it be best to send bills, We have here a little more than we sent home - and I could send them if I had the accounts. What do you think.

We did not receive Dorthey's article. He sent it to Lewis. He requested him to give us the Symposia.

The box of oranges was $2.00, express 1.65; They are probably some little higher now but Mary says you both ought to have all you can eat and it will pay.

We will see what we can do about getting more, Have them sometime for sauce if you get more and like them so -

Much love from us all

We have found no Welsh printer
Dear Mary thinks if I could have
our bourgeois font - here I could
set it and then have it electro-
typed - and only print at
first - an edition of 500. John
suggests stereotyping - he says
all the forms of the N.Y. Tribune are
stereotyped - He thinks it cannot
cost a great deal. Mr. Taylor called
while I was writing. He brought an
estimate after making enquiries -
steel engraving - 2 portraits and printing
1500 from each $200 - 500 copies
would be about $25 less - they would
be printed on one sheet which
could afterwards be cut so as
to each will make a page itself -
one portrait about $75 less - Electrotyping
is a more recent process than stereo-
typing and about the same expense
40 cts for an octavo page - Paper
composition, electrotyping and press work for
1500 copies in small Pica $435
500 copies about $125 less -

So we do not know just how to do it. I wonder if she would be willing to write again how I could get along with that small house. My dear sister, this spring is decidedly warmer than before the rain. We have had breakfast; Mamma and I, John is eating and Mary has not got up. She sat up last evening to write and hence laziness - to tell the truth she is not at all well. Her head troubled her a great deal yesterday - so that she looked very badly and I doubt not felt worse - there she is dressing now - We have a shawl hung on the supports of a shelf John has near the ceiling about the middle - We mean to make a curtain but took the one we had for our little clothespress - I sit one [illegible] Have you noticed the opinions in Harper's Bazar and the pictures of styles and cuts? and what do you think of them? I like the last - that is the day for the first - that is the day for the second - I like the striped for the skirt - of the [illegible] I am and Hannah [illegible] Medium for

of the shawl writing, and Mary dressed
the other side by the bed. The door into
the kitchen is directly back of me and
the stove in front of me. It is now 6
-50 a.m. and I have had the door
open all morning to air our room
and no fire - I attempted to build
it but failed - now I have brought
coals from the other room and the fire
takes a start - I intend to get a ther.
large enough to Read readily and if I
like it - will order one for you. I will
put in a circular so you can peruse
it if you wish. I have money now
and Edward has just offered to pay
the semiannual int. but I told him
to wait - his convenience - or keep
it - till I need. How are you off? How
much are we owing Mrs. Huddleston?
Remember the home is ours and

the expense of running it must not come out of your pocket. Are you going to have any new dress this spring? I wish you would look at my green silk and what there is of my black silk dress and see if something pretty cannot be made for you. I intend to get me a new black silk and one for Mary, if she will accept. But she is all the time saying we must save the money in case we shall want to go home! I tell her we'll draw on Edward for that and look out for expensions. Mrs. Allen went at such a time & made money at least her ticket was much less than in coming out and she had all the advantages of a drawing room car. The sun is coming out and it promises a clear day. We did not wash yesterday but it

was so late when we washed last week
there is no need of hurrying. I mean
to try to coax Mary to go and look for flowers
so we can send you a sample. The pie plants
seem growing for a wager! and the straw=
berries are coming on well. The forest
are bringing out their spring dresses and
soon they will be gay with their red bud
blossoms and white plums, of which there
are many - then the varied shade of green
will add the lovely finishing touch. It is
rather muddy after the rain so we will
probably be glad to confine ourselves to
walking on the grass. I killed a rooster
yesterday before anybody else was up. I could
not break his neck so I held his head between
my knees while I tied his feet - and I think
I smothered him. We skinned him and in-
tend to try to stuff him. Jane Hughes'
letter giving directions got mislaid

to it yet? Jennie has been
beating apples to cook for
breakfast (apple sauce) and
has covered them with water
to keep them white. Mrs Sh
is going to bed and I must
go down too. John came
in about five o'clock and
asked me if I had seen
his watch. Me had neither
of us seen it. Neither had
Frank. We looked all
over the house. Then he
started down to where he
had been hunting this
afternoon so I ran after
him thinking my eyes may
a little sharper than his.
But enough, then it lay
face upwards, ready to

he stepped on a piece of
coal, or picked up, which-
ever might happen. I was
so glad to find it for him.
He had it in his outside
upper vest pocket and had
pulled it out probably
with one of the coal slates
that got caught in the
chain. Good night dear
Mama to-morrow
Tues. 5th St is near 3 P. M. de Lam
had a little nap. It sounds as if
Jennie were mixing cake in the
other room. We have been
talking of going out to look for
flowers. I went a little way
this morning but found none.
We had chicken for dinner
and Jennie is boiling the

bones, so we can study them.
John has been looking over my
Anatomy the past week and
has become quite interested
Seaman studied Anat. & Phys. in
school last winter, and Jennie
is always interested, so we have
some nice talks sometimes.
I wish I had brought my
dissecting case with me so
that we could take hold of
some of these spare chicks
cats &c, and get some inform-
ation out of them. By the way
we have but two cats now. Our
Tortoise Shell is very pretty and
nice. Poor thing, all of her
kitties, five or seven died awhile
ago when only a day old, from Ed
& thinks I intended to have saved

one. Another cat is mostly white; a black splotch on one side but not so pretty or sleek as the other. 10th Dear Cynthia's birthday. As this day comes round each year I always think of the flowers we gathered on the day that she came. I went to the Golden Quest this morning to see if any flower buds had ventured out. One little pink bud peeped from behind its protecting sepals, but what a surprise do you suppose appeared by its side? A peach tree all covered with swelling pink buds and a few fully opened! O, so pretty, and peachy. The flowers are not in clusters like apples, but they arrange themselves about the stem singly. I got a couple of blossoms in hopes

at once for you to see. Jennie thinks we can send some buds at least, fresh in a tin box. I gathered some things several days ago & some specimens of Mandrake (My umbrella plant) and other green things & left them in a tin pail covered and they look as fresh as you please now. So we will try when there is a chance to go to town. I am afraid you will be a good while without a letter this time as they are busy now. They plowed our Garden spot today. The last letter we had from you was dated March 29. Hope there is one at the office now. It has been cloudy today and

Sprinkled a little this P. M.
There are a good many small
peach trees all along the
East side of the road
all full of buds just ready
to open. I hope no cold
blast will injure them
John says he has not had
headaches in several years.
Evening The blossoms are
nearly all out today, I picked
a couple of plums with some
buds on & send to you. The trees
are not very full of blossoms
or I would send more. but this will
be enough for you to see. I also
put in a few plum blossoms (wild)
When you open the box be careful
as you go down not to get pricked.
I put in a couple of thorn clusters

such as nearly cover the trunk of many honey locust trees. These are the smallest we could find so as to put them in the box. There are but two & do just them in green the tops shines hanging downward. Jennie & I went out after dinner and had a delightful ramble. We found what we thought was the Lark spur violet and picked a few plants. They have a small bulb at the root. The leaves now look some like young tomato plants. There are two or three Solomon Seals. Some violets. Some seedlings of my umbrella plant. Mandrake. and a number of small plants of which we did not know the name. but we thought they were pretty. Can you not put them in a box in

house and have a little woodsa
yardsa Probably some of them
will grow. Did the Lenkoran land
violet that me sent. him? Sent
set two tired over these things